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RE: 2004 Revisions to the New Jersey Surface Water Quality Standards

Dear Mr. Day:

I am writing to initiate consultation, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) pending action on the adopted 2004 revisions to the New Jersey Surface Water Quality Standards (NJSWQS). Towards this end, enclosed please find a copy of the adopted 2004 NJSWQS and maps with the affected streams, brooks and rivers highlighted in yellow.

The revisions to the NJSWQS enhance and improve the NJSWQS program and include:

- the upgrade of seven tributaries to the lower Delaware River, including both named and unnamed tributaries to Category One (C1), based on "exceptional ecological significance."
- the upgrade of the antidegradation designation for significant drainage areas of the Manasquan River, Metedeconk River and natural drainage to the Oradell Reservoir to C1 based upon "exceptional water supply significance."
- the upgrade of the stream classification for two streams in the Delaware Basin to FW2-TP (Trout Production), and C1 designation.
- the upgrade of South Branch Rockaway Creek from FW2-TM (C1) to FW2-TP (C1) based on trout production.

Based on EPA's review of the adopted revisions to the 2004 NJSWQS, we have made a preliminary determination that our approval of these revisions is not likely to adversely affect federally-listed species. We understand that your concurrence with this finding would only apply to the above reclassifications and not to other provisions of the state water quality standards. I greatly appreciate receiving any comments you may have on our preliminary determination as soon as possible.

In the interim, should you have any questions, or need additional information, please feel free to have your staff contact Lingard Knutson, Endangered Species Coordinator at (212) 637-3747, or Wayne Jackson at (212) 637-3807.

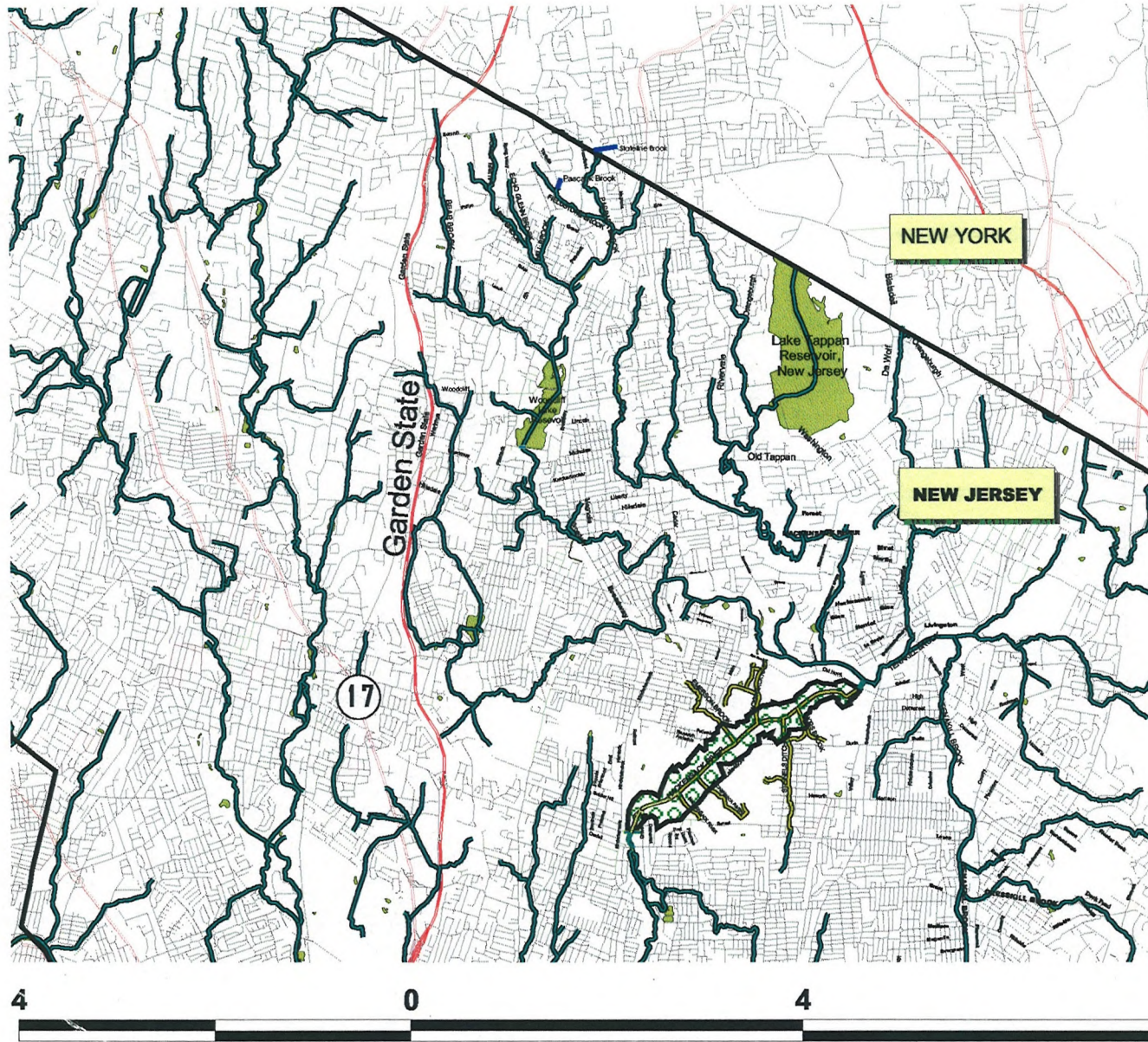
Sincerely yours,



Grace Musumeci, Chief
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Strategic Planning and Multi-Media Programs Branch

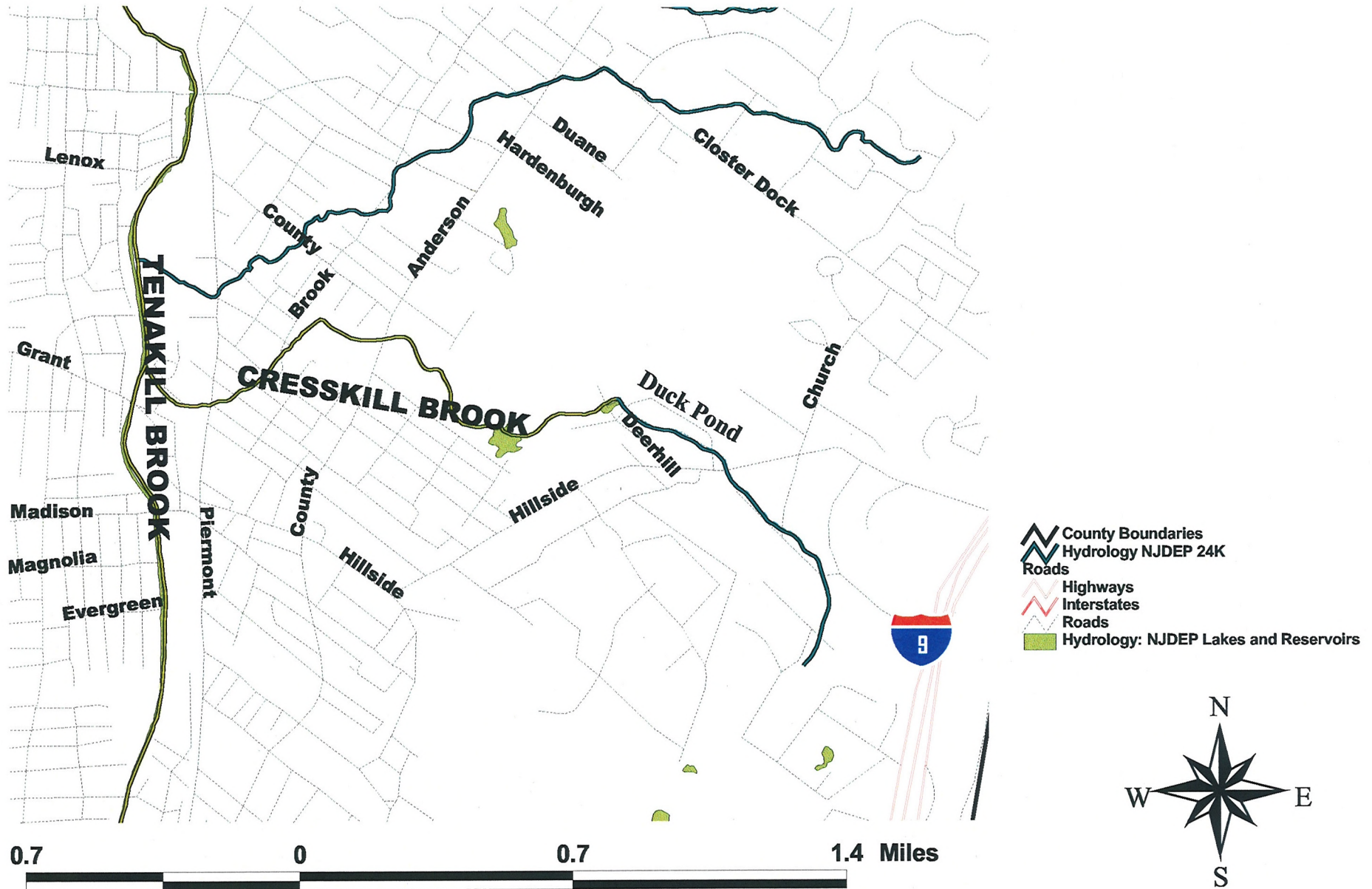
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Passaic River Basin, Bergen County, NJ

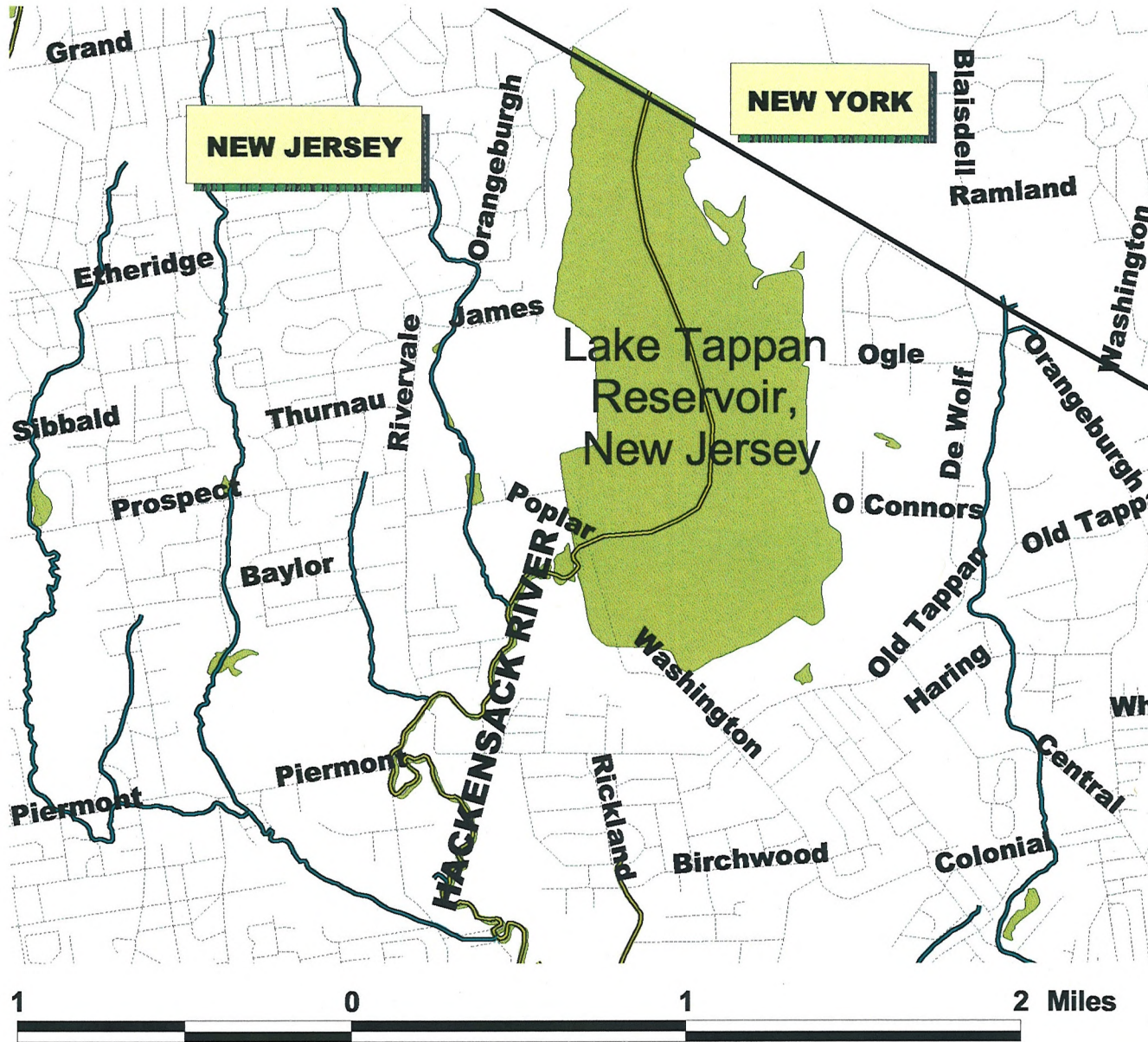


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Cresskill Brook, Bergen County, NJ

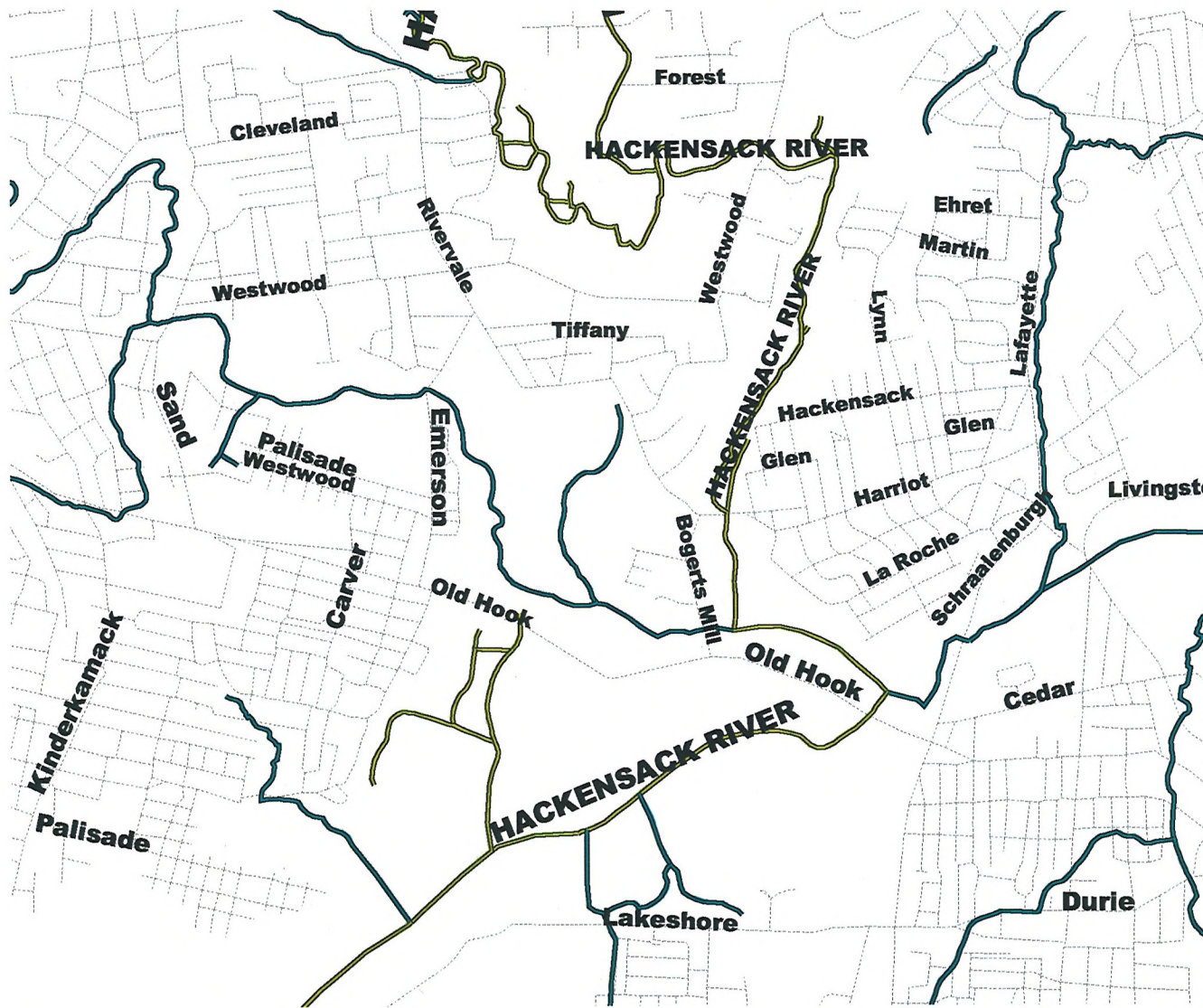


Hackensack River, Bergen County, NJ



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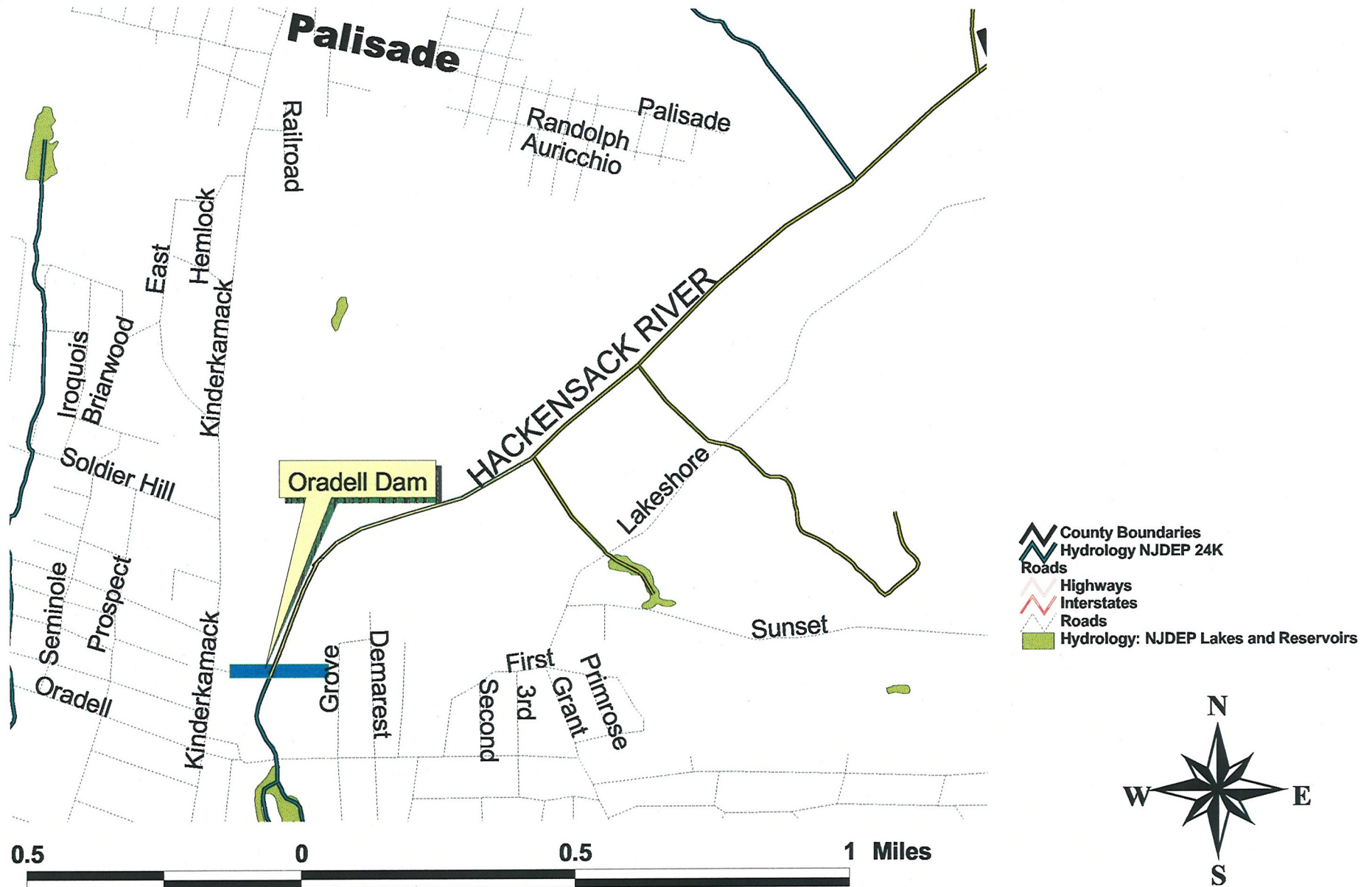
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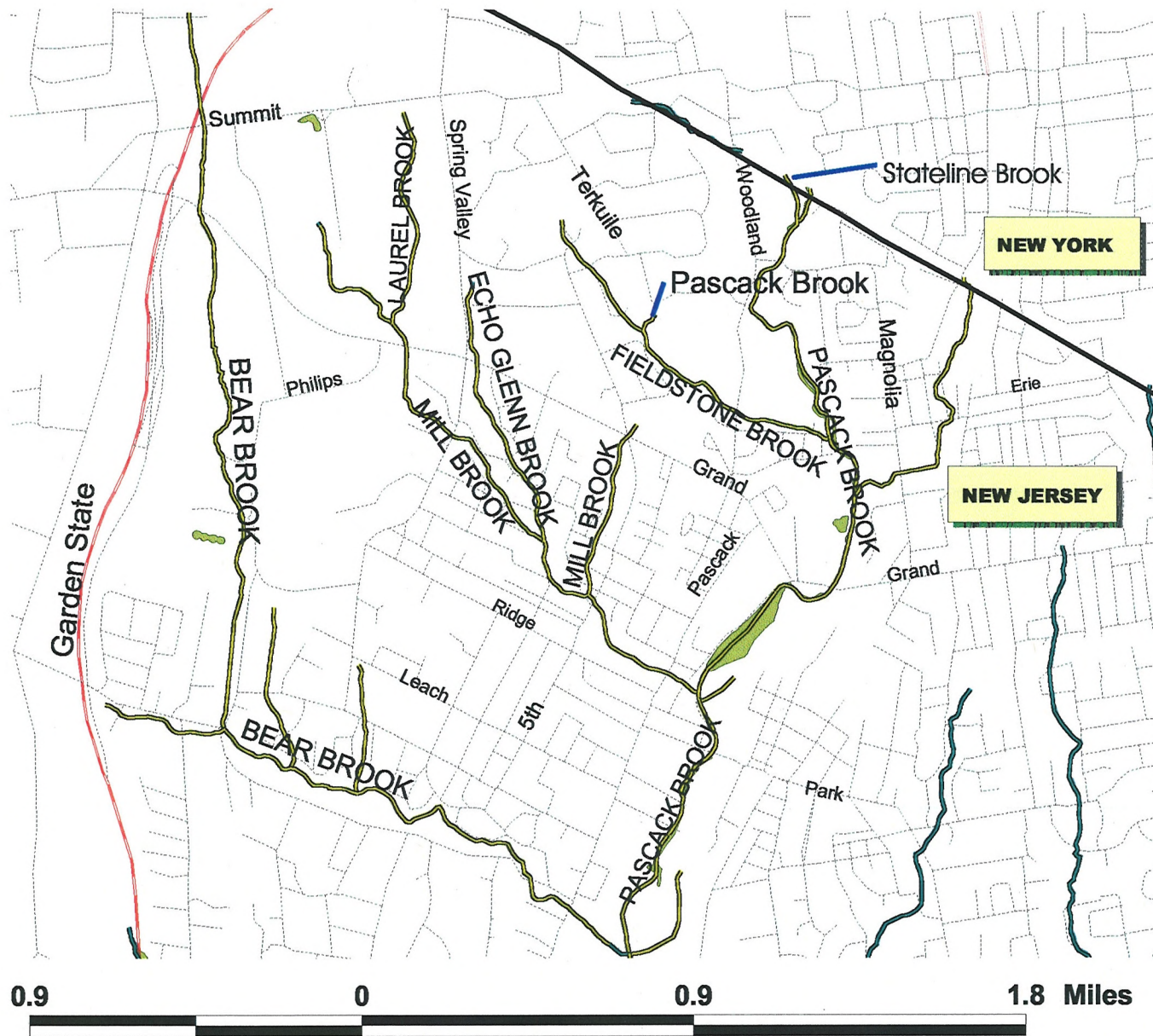
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Hackensack River & Oradell Dam, Bergen County, NJ



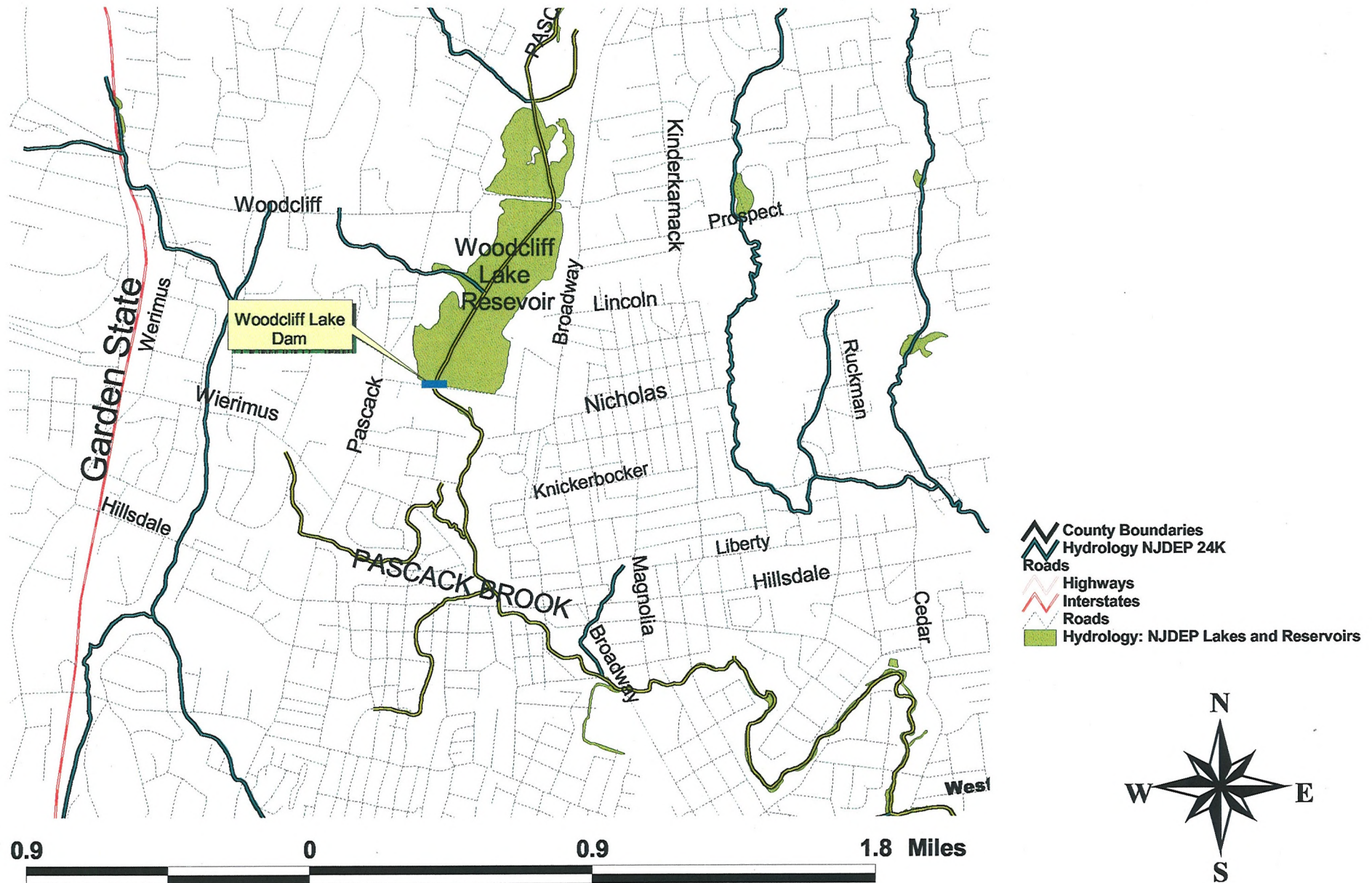
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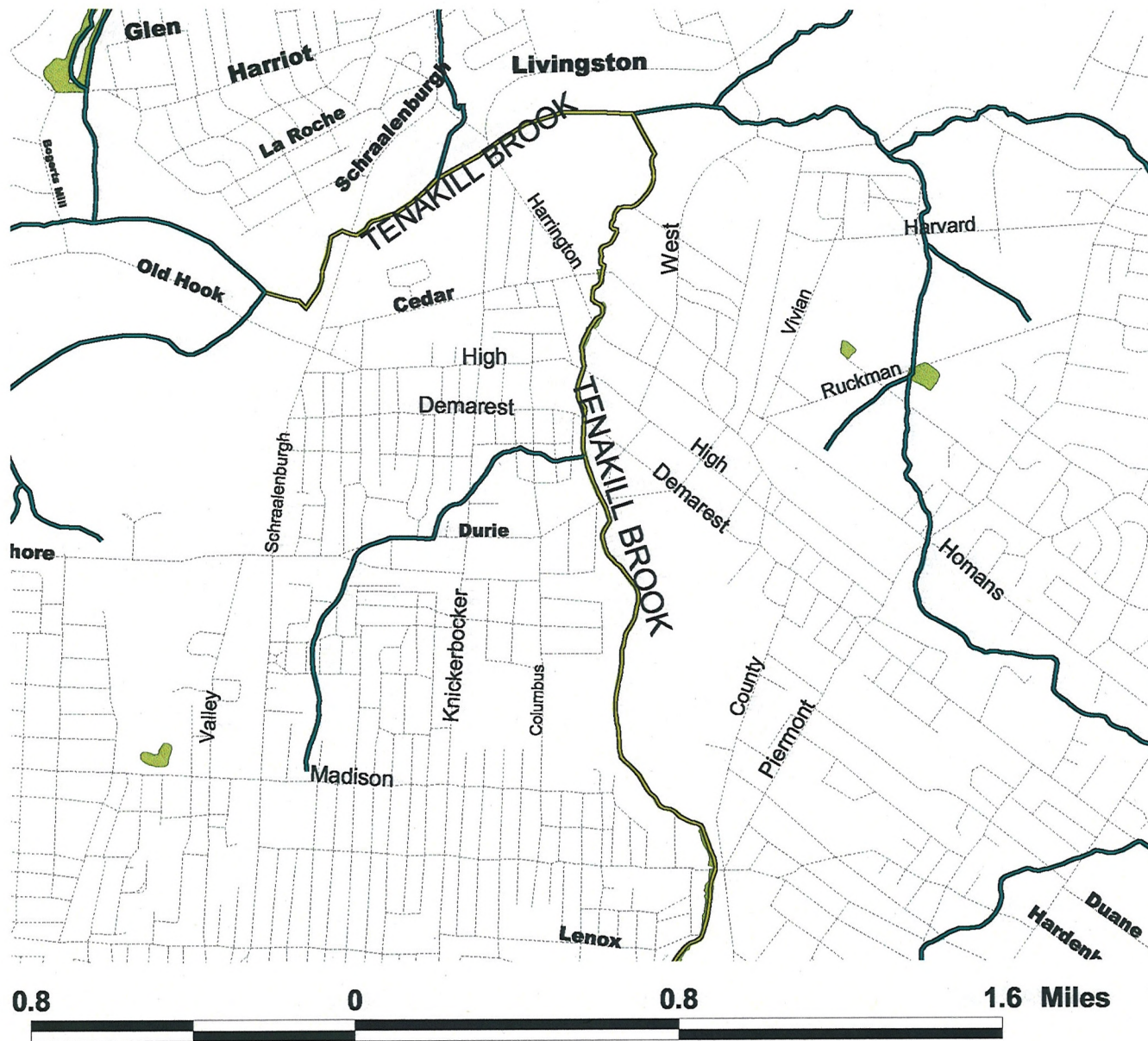
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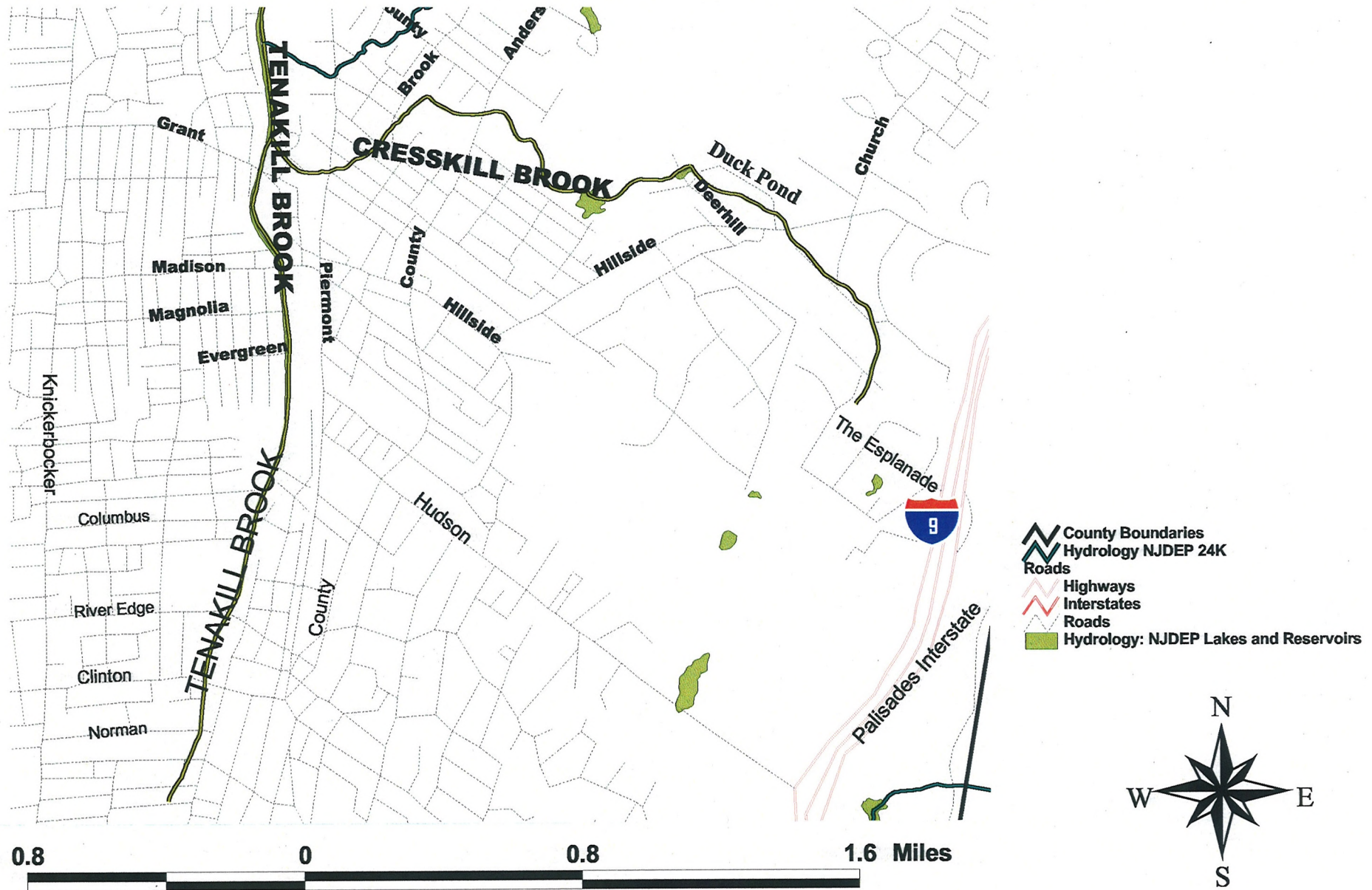
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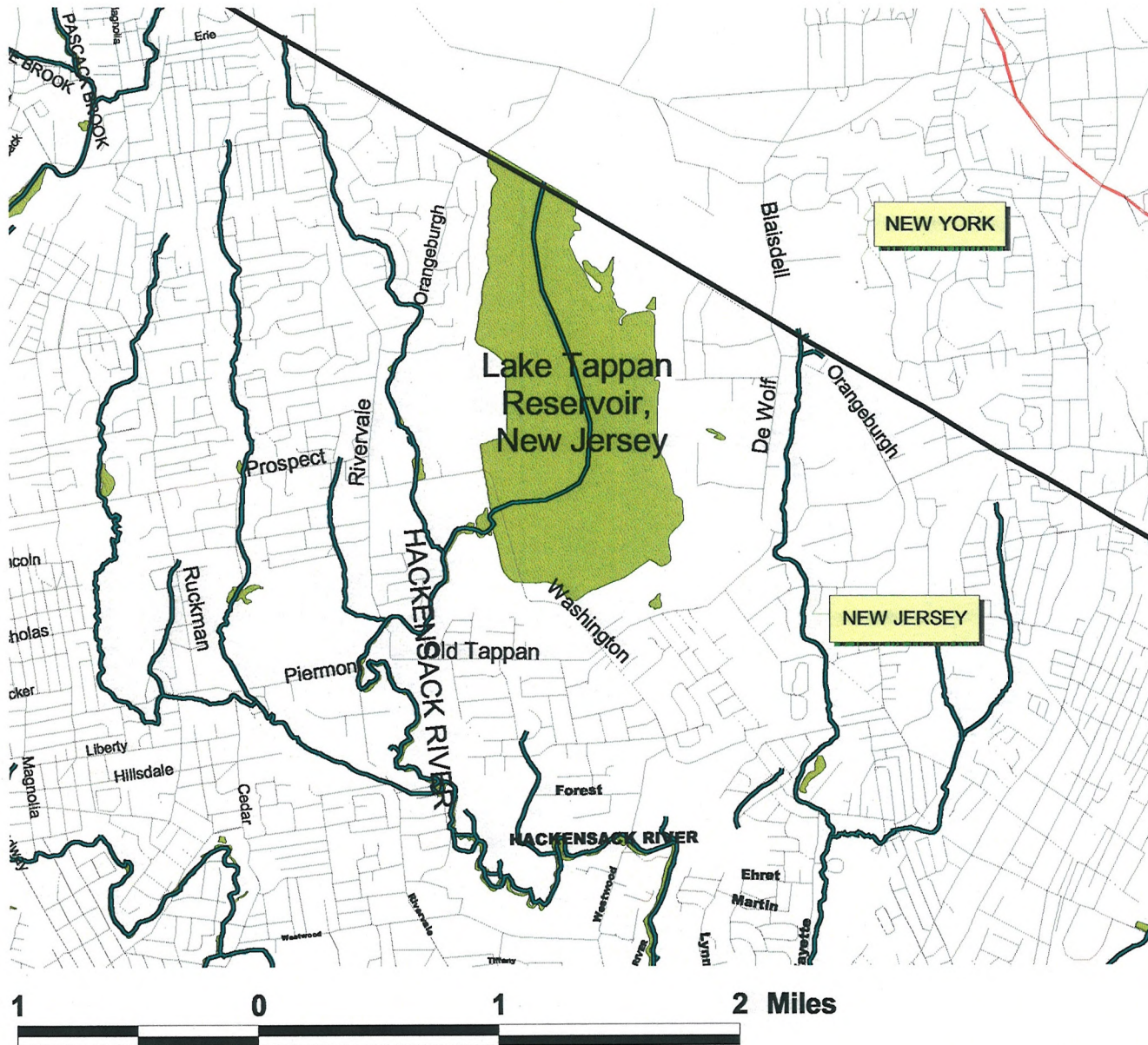
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Tenakill Brook & Cresskill Brook, Bergen County, NJ

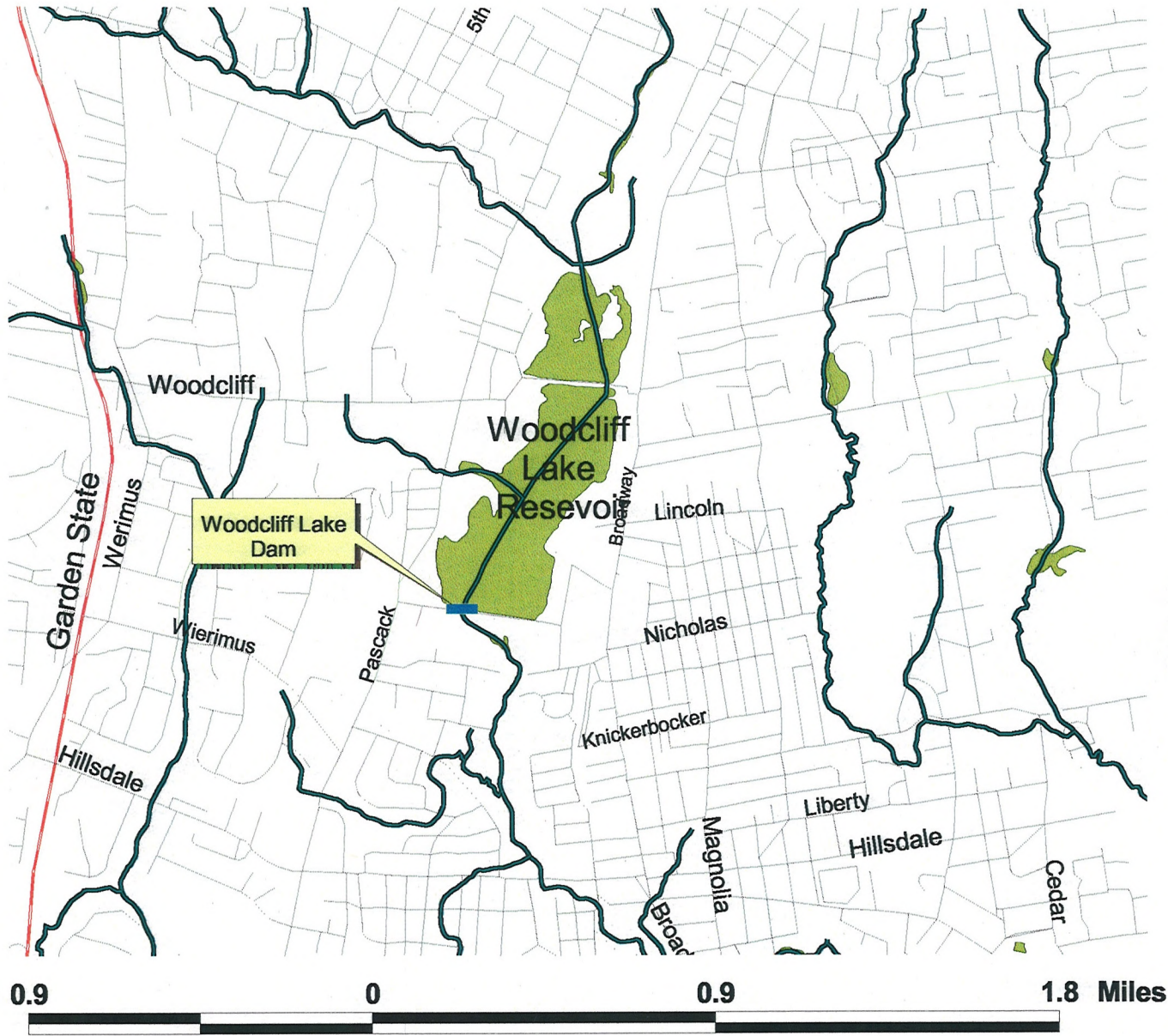


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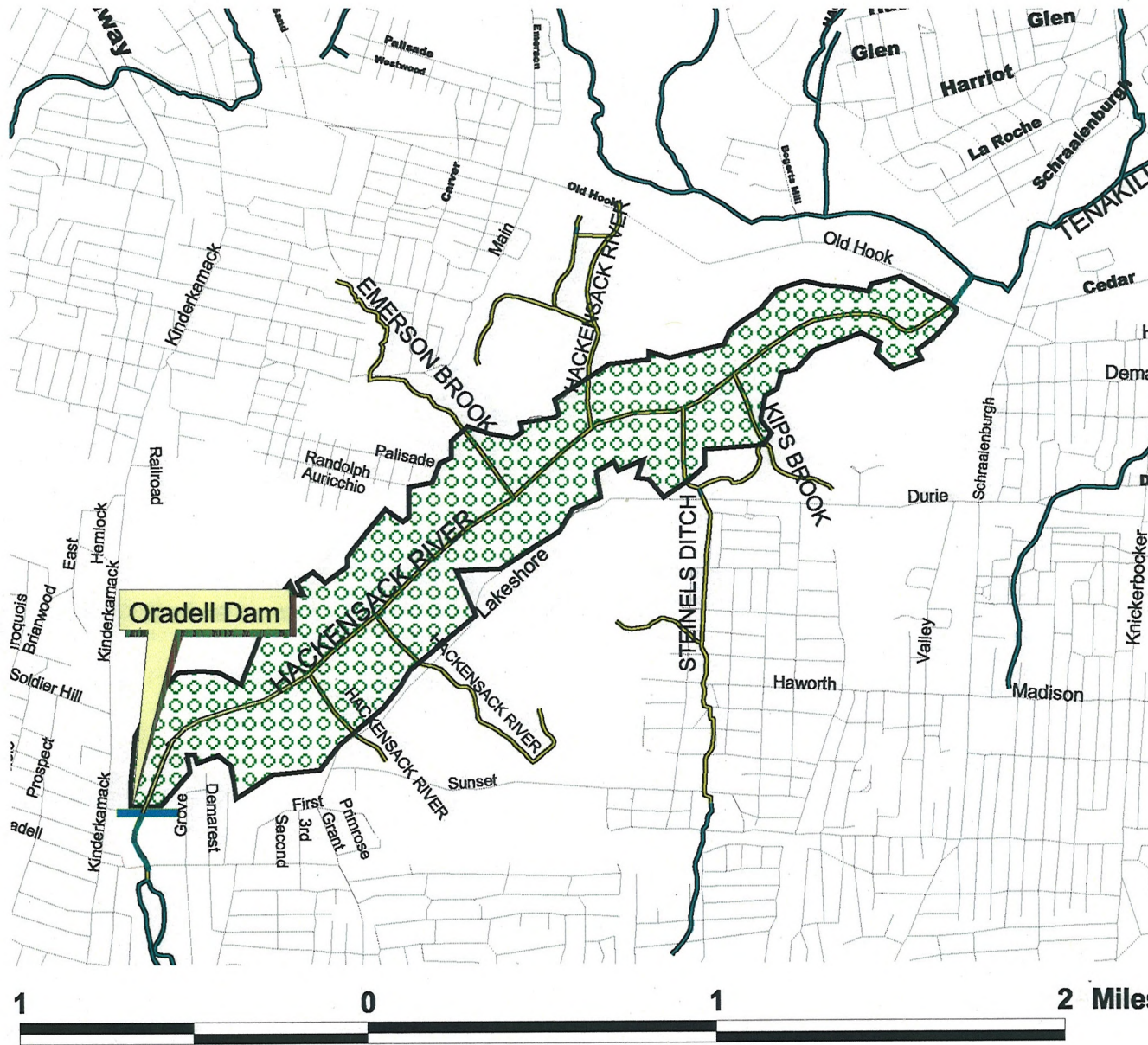
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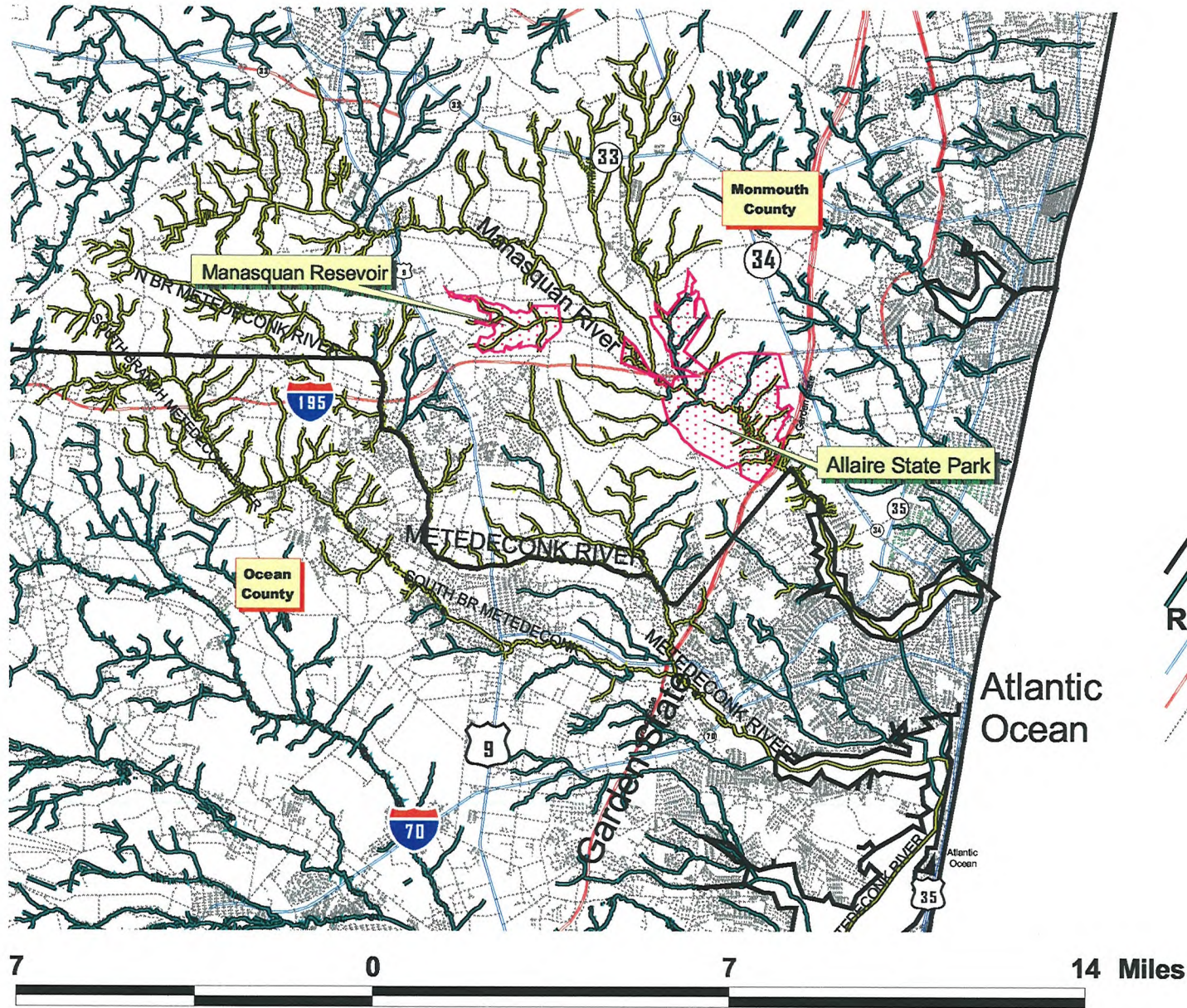
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Oradell Reservoir, Bergen County, NJ



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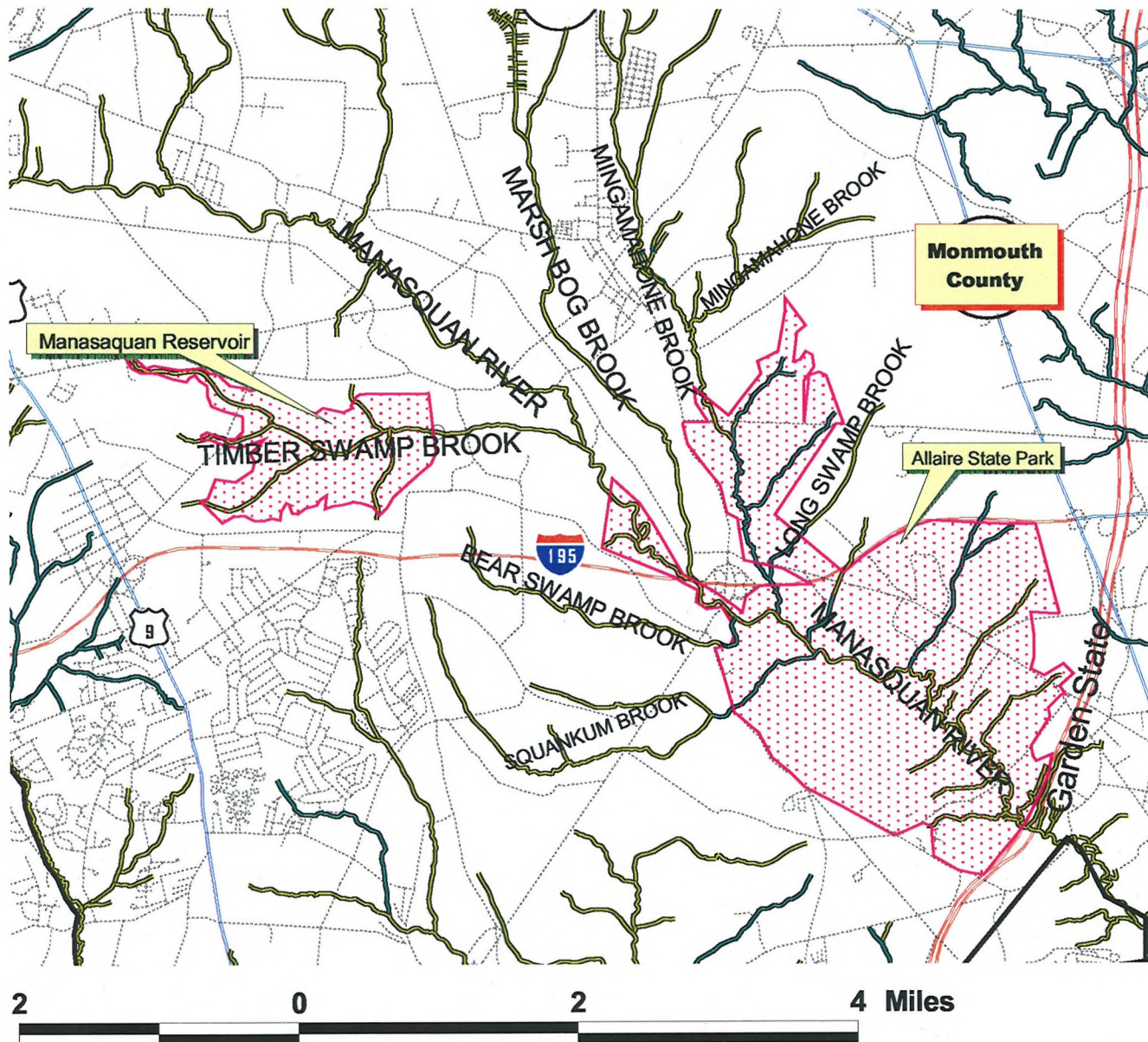


This map illustrates the Manasquan River watershed, which spans across Monmouth County and Ocean County in New Jersey. The river is shown as a prominent blue line, originating from the north and flowing south towards the Atlantic Ocean. Key features include:

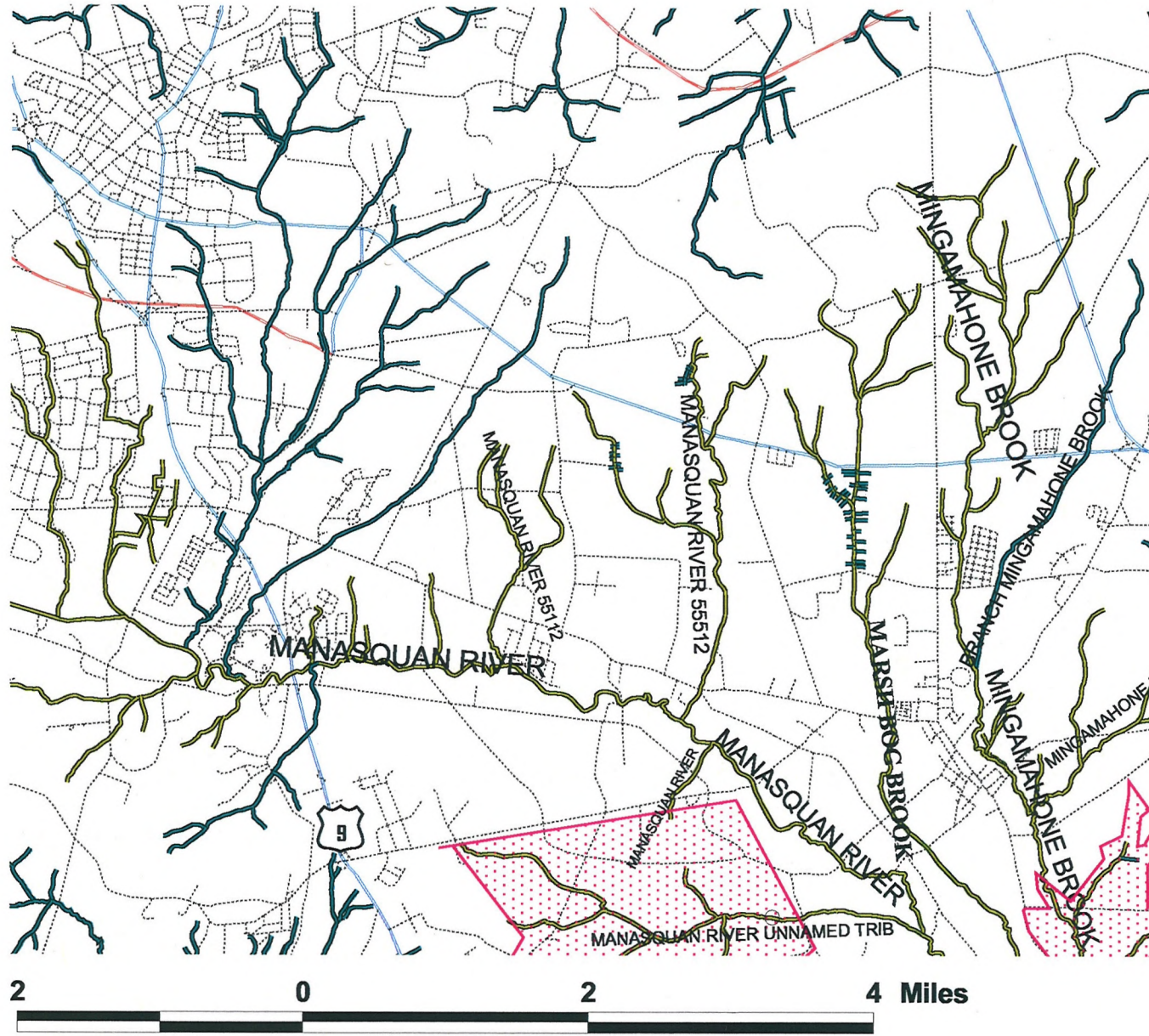
- Geography:** The watershed area is outlined in pink. Major roads shown include Interstate 195 (I-195) and State Route 34 (NJ-34).
- Landmarks:** Allaire State Park is labeled in the western part of the watershed. The Garden State Parkway is also visible.
- Counties:** The map is divided into Monmouth County (top) and Ocean County (bottom).
- Scale:** A scale bar at the bottom indicates distances of 2, 0, 2, and 4 miles.

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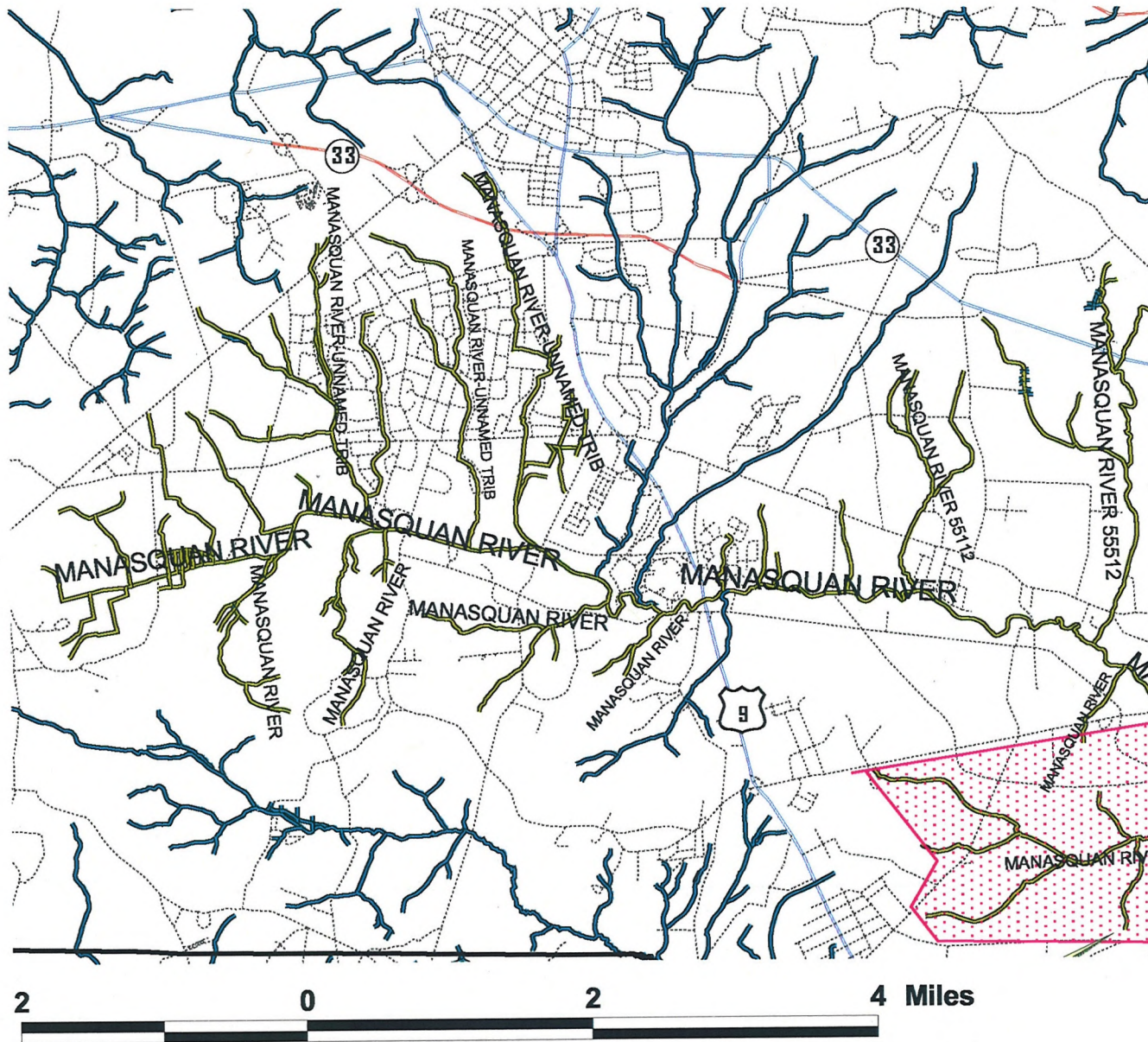
Manasquan River_2, NJ



Manasquan River_3, NJ



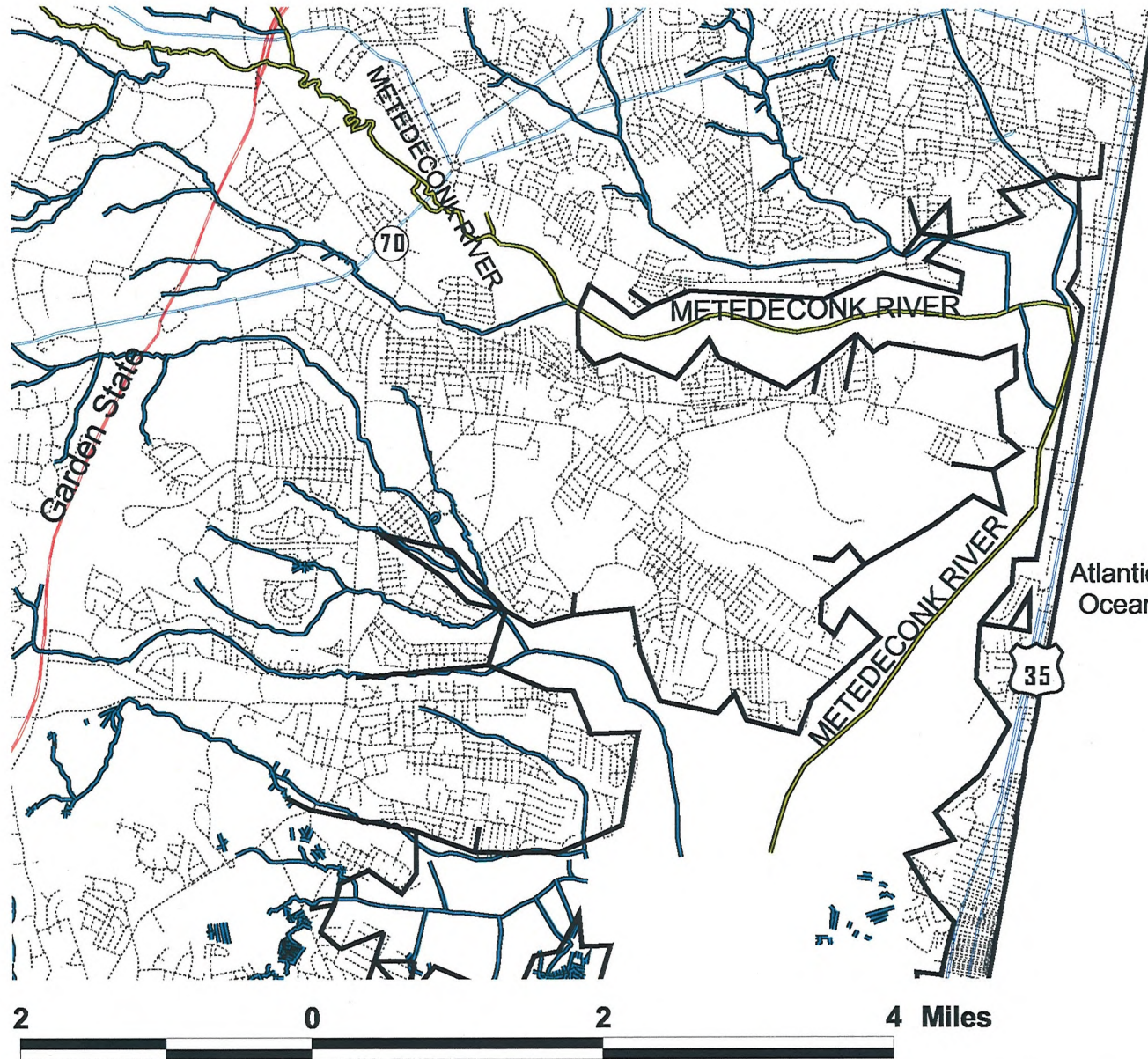
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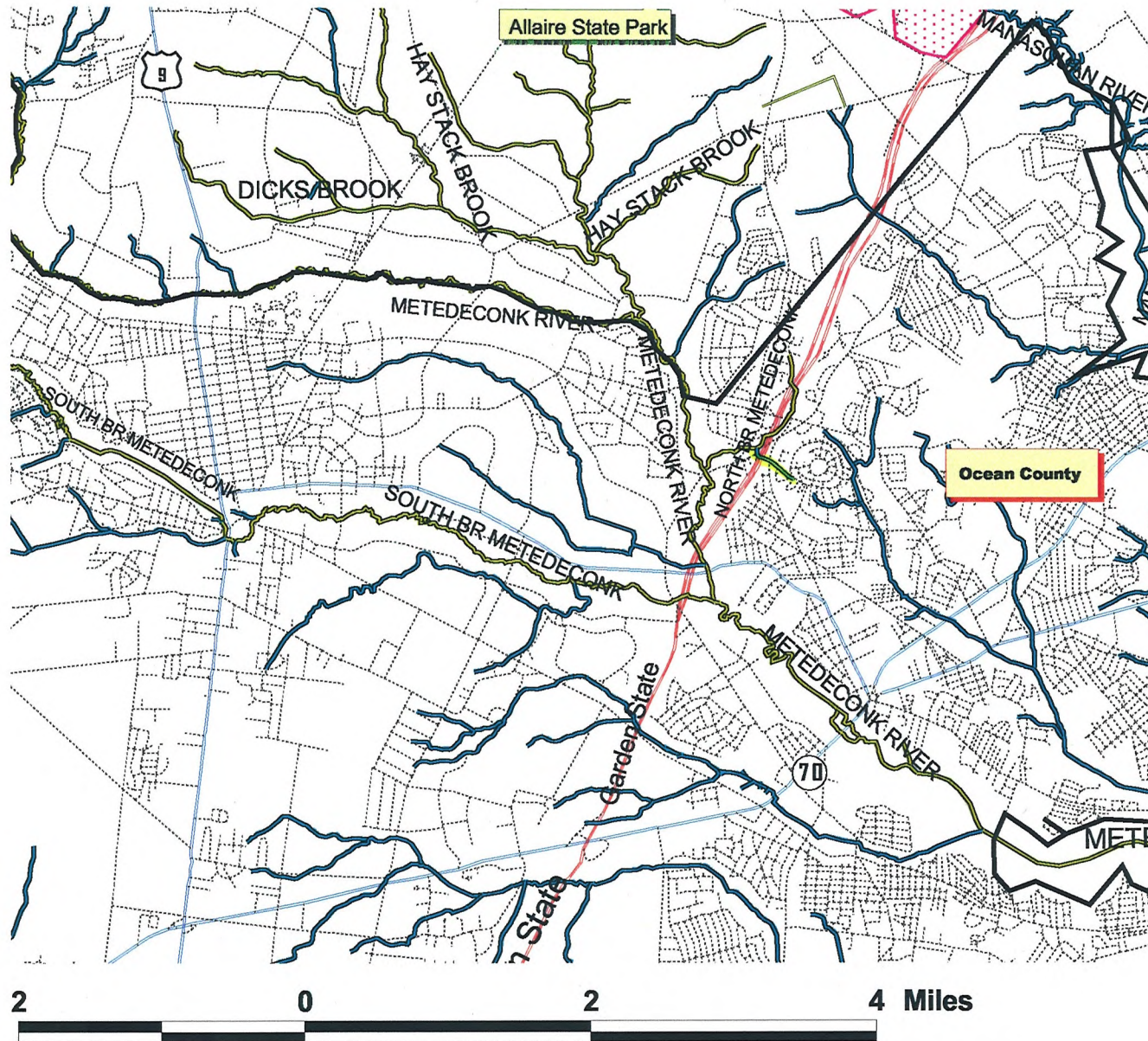
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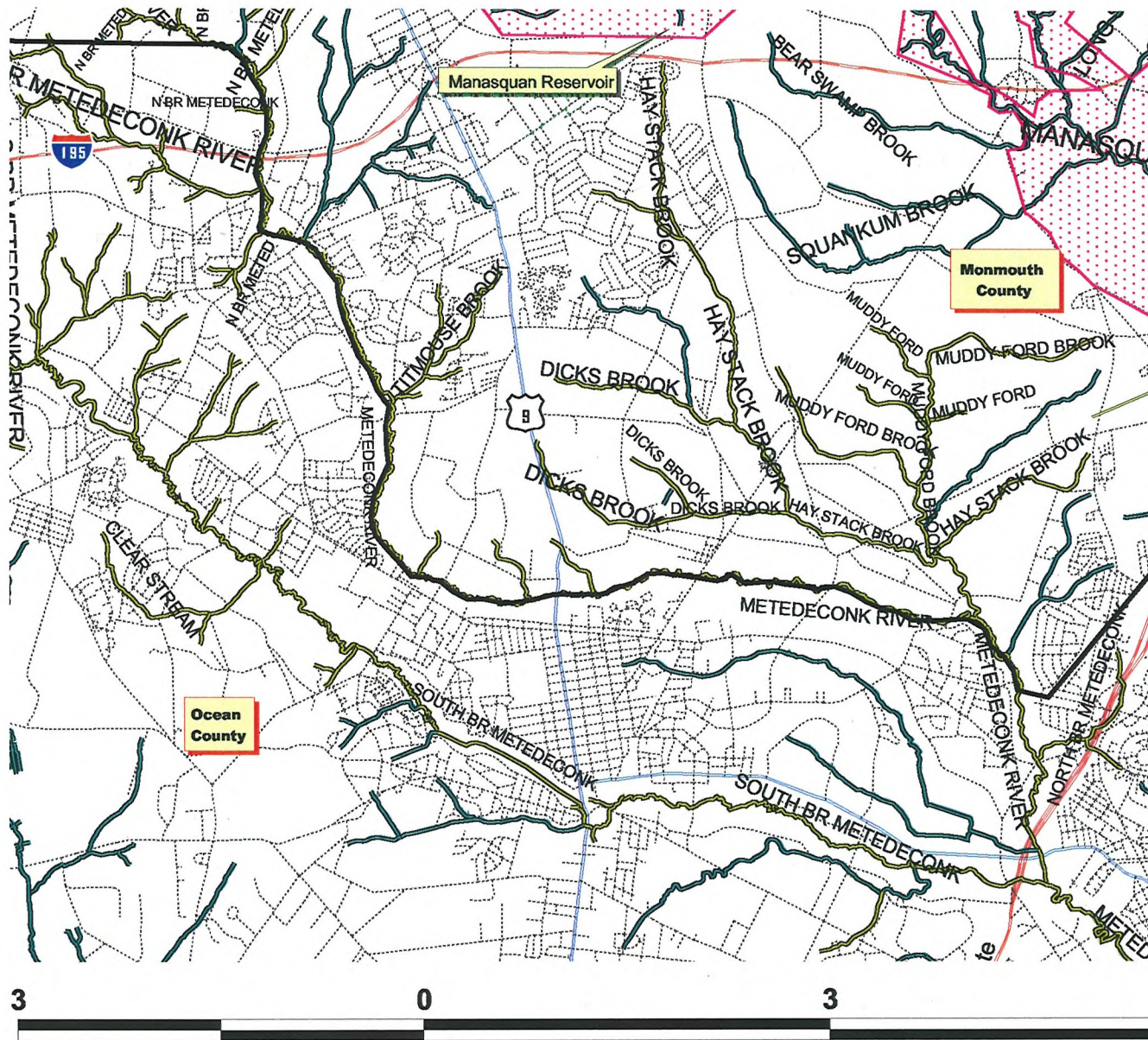
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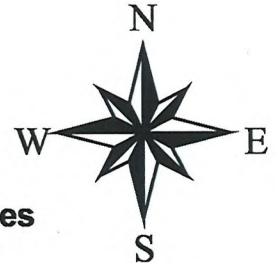
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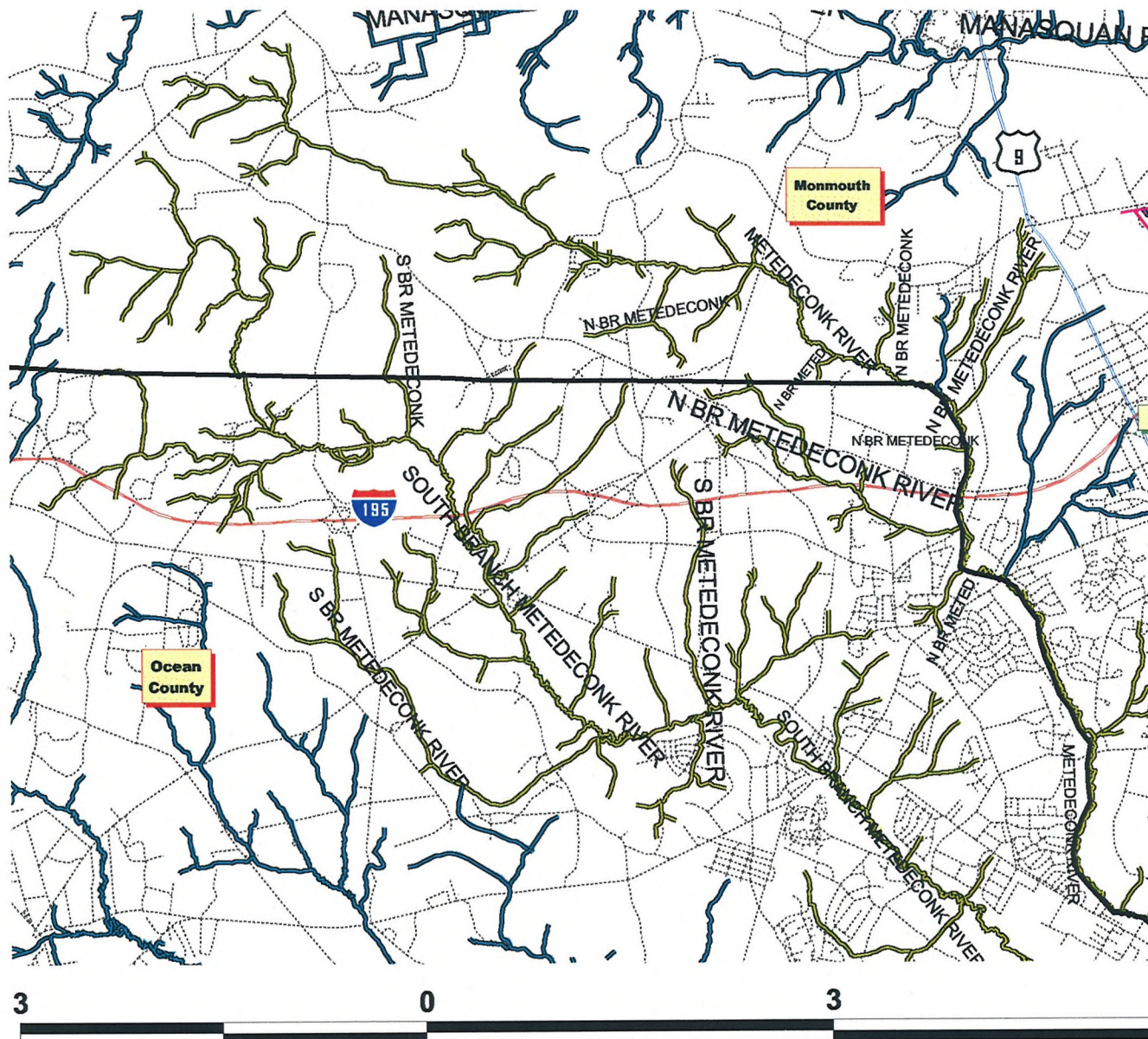
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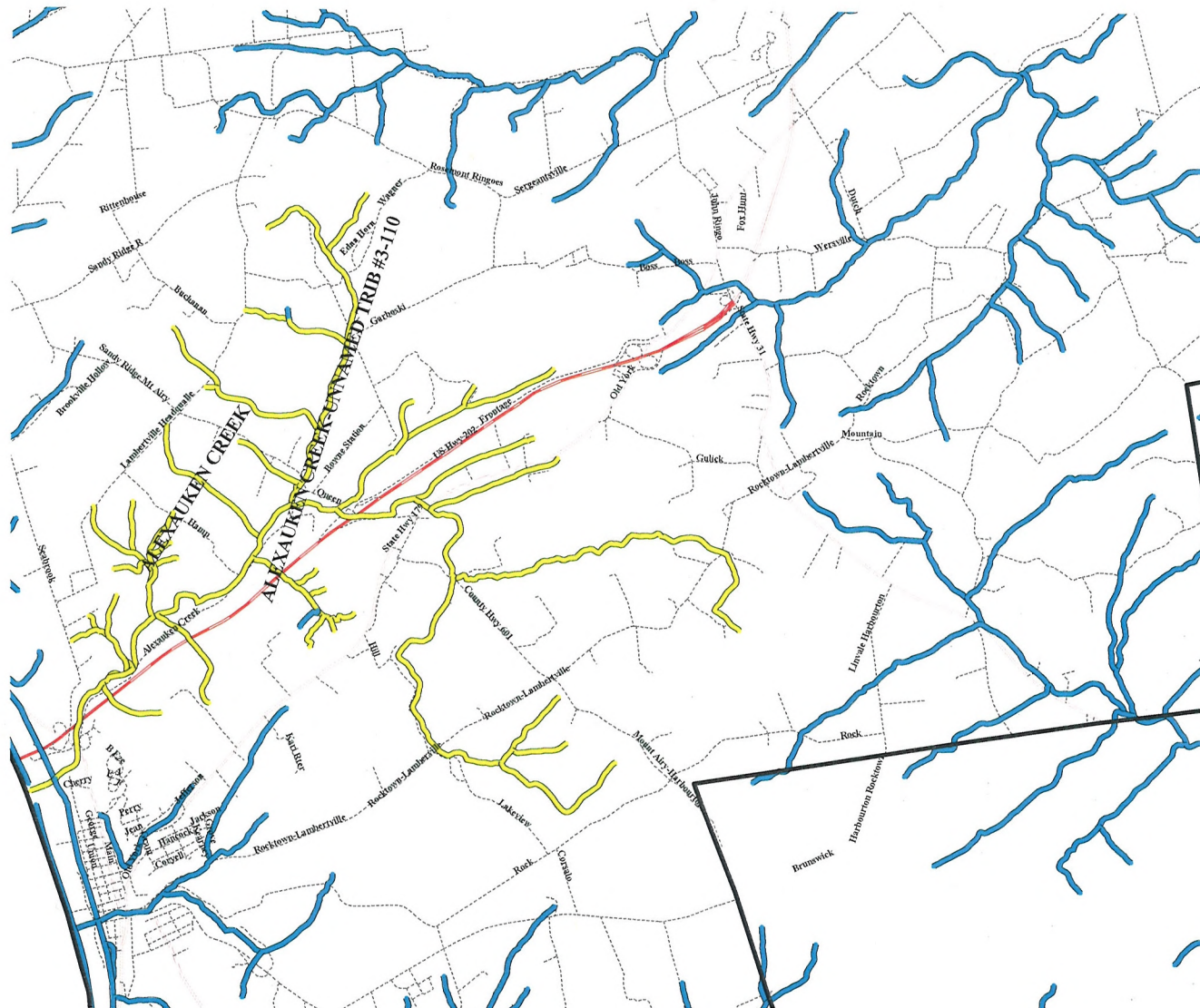
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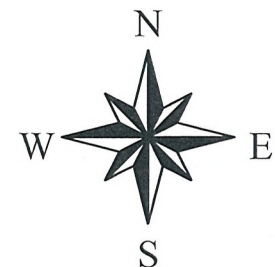
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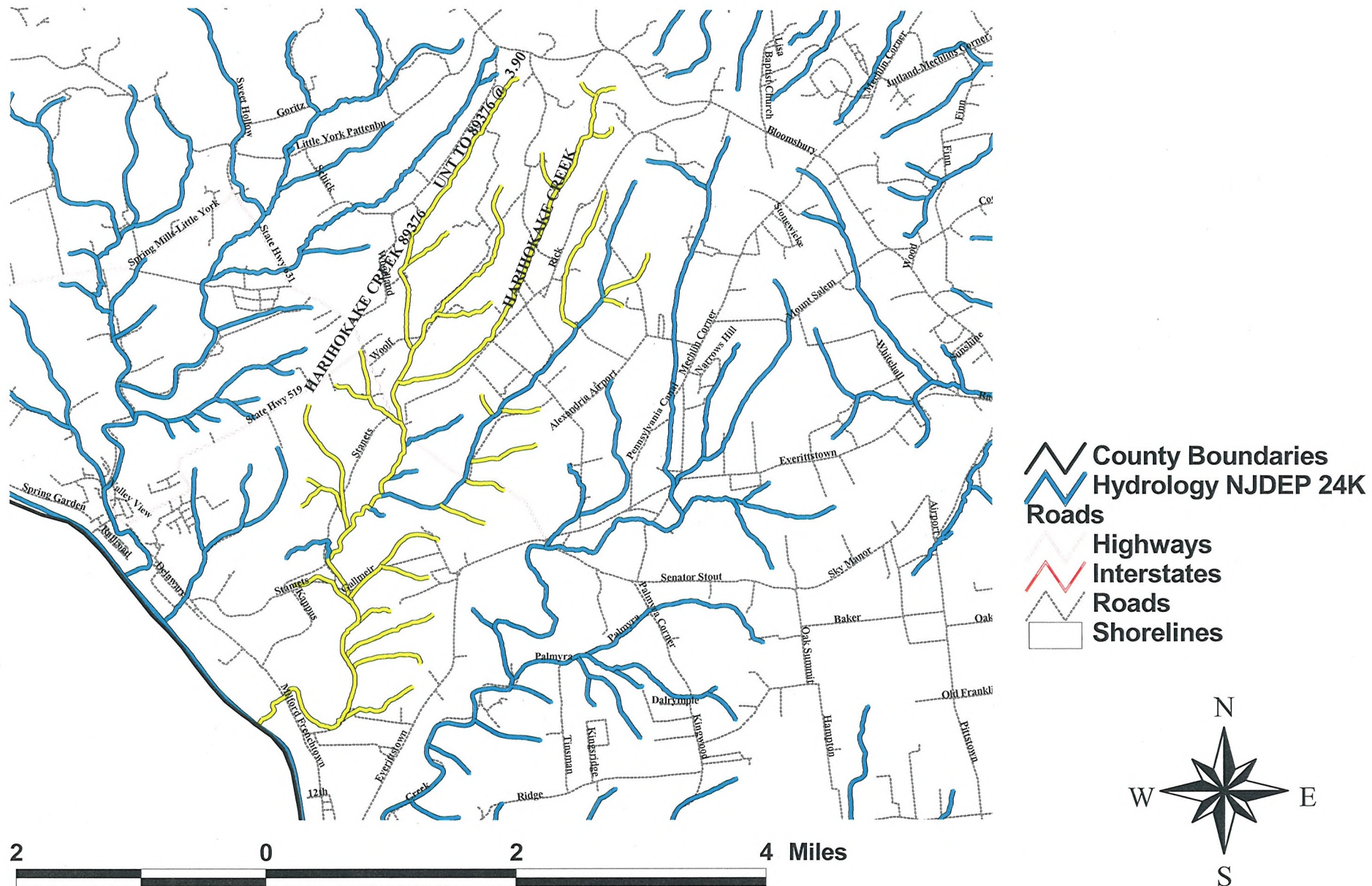
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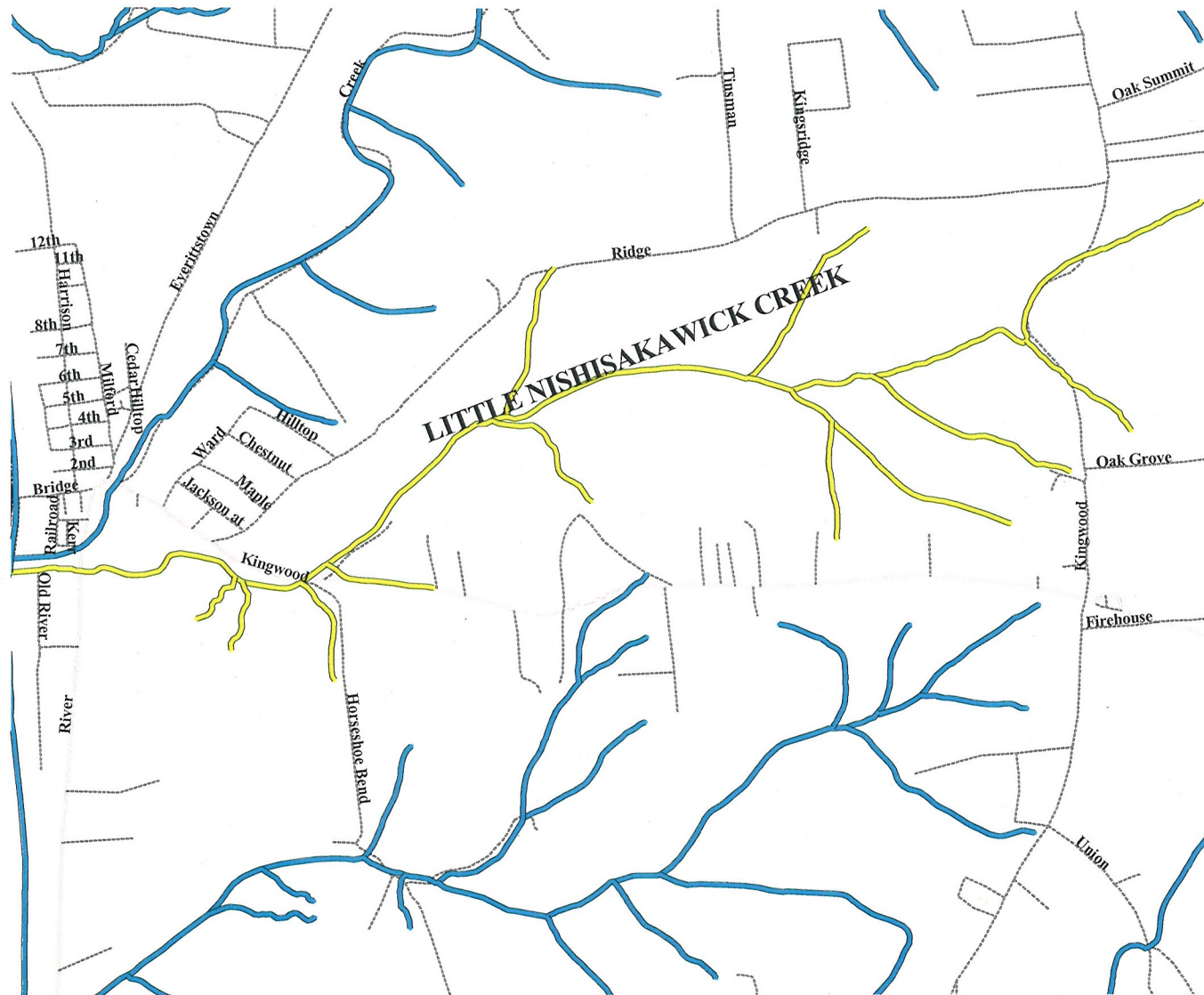
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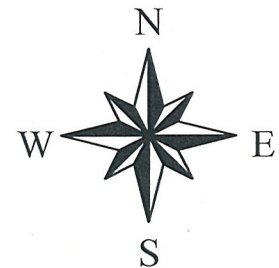
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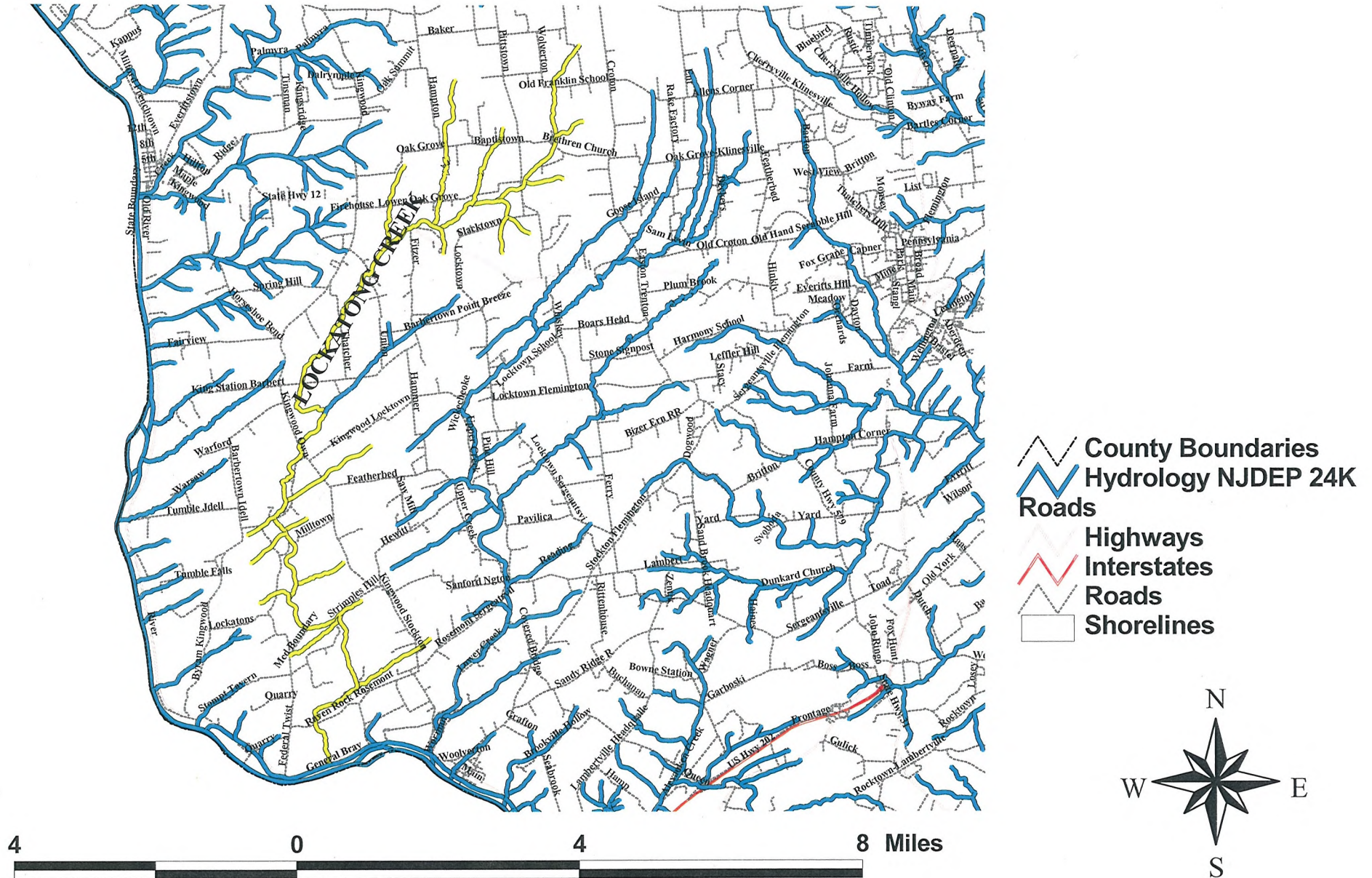
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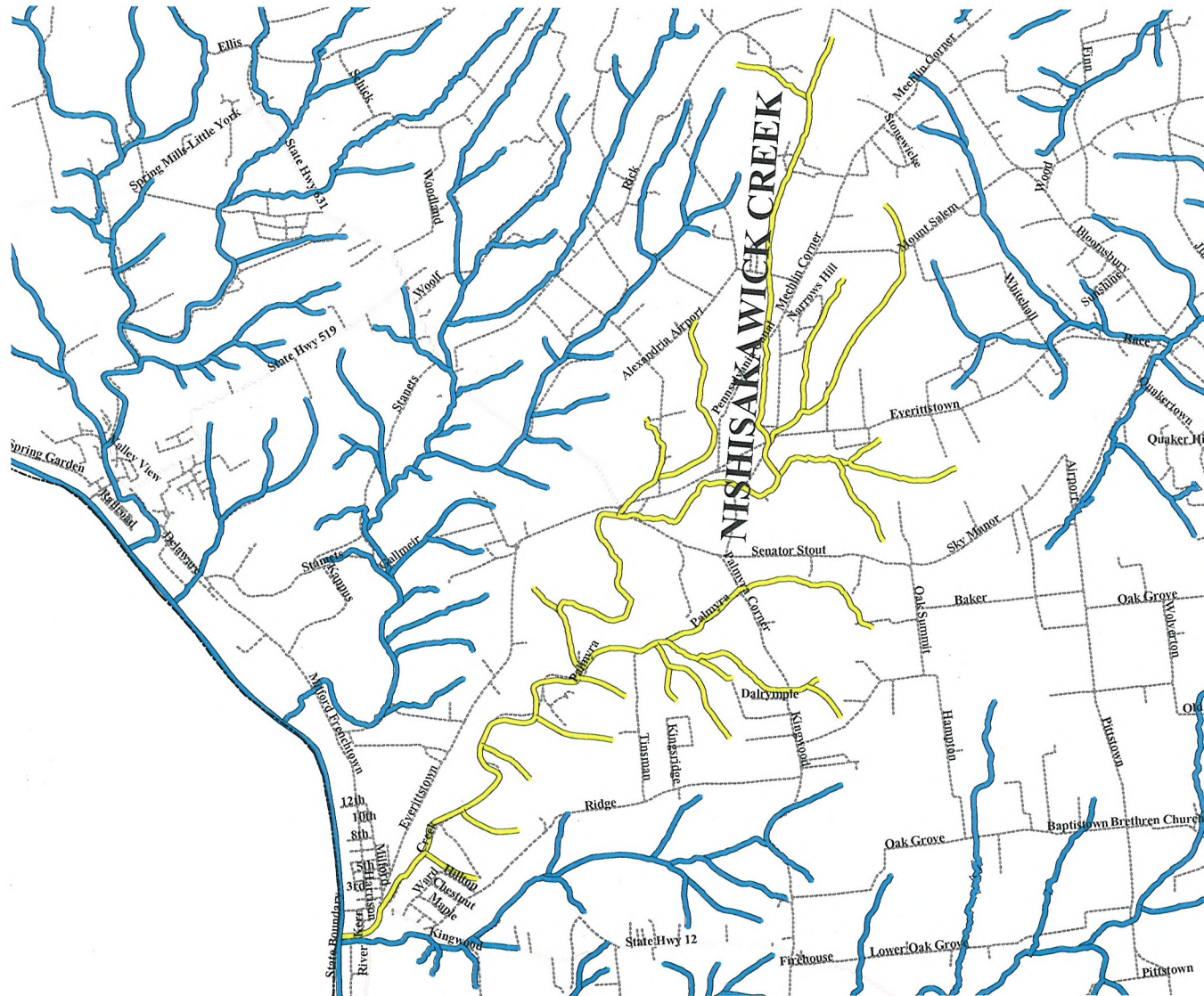
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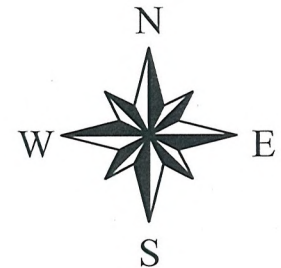
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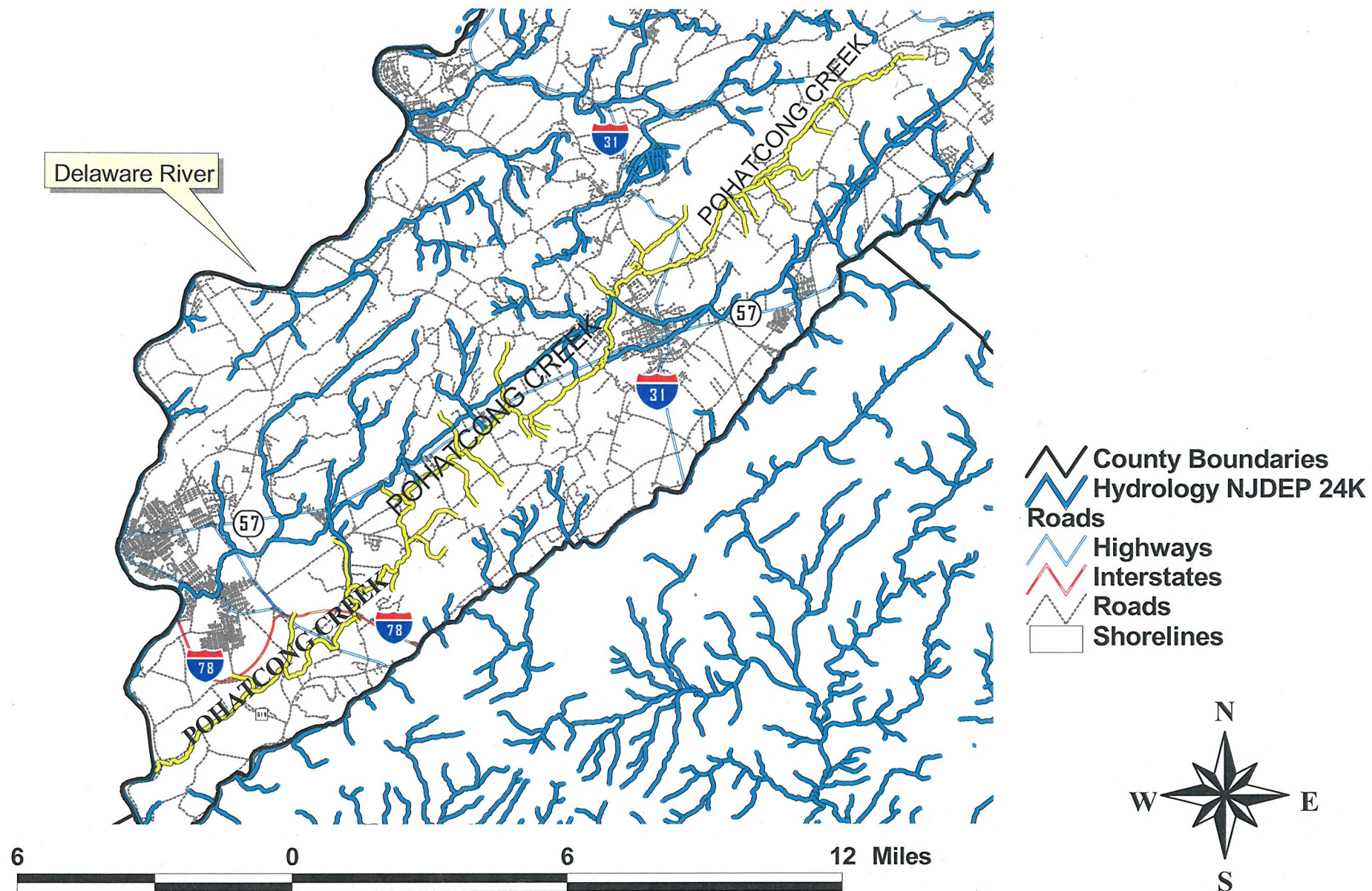
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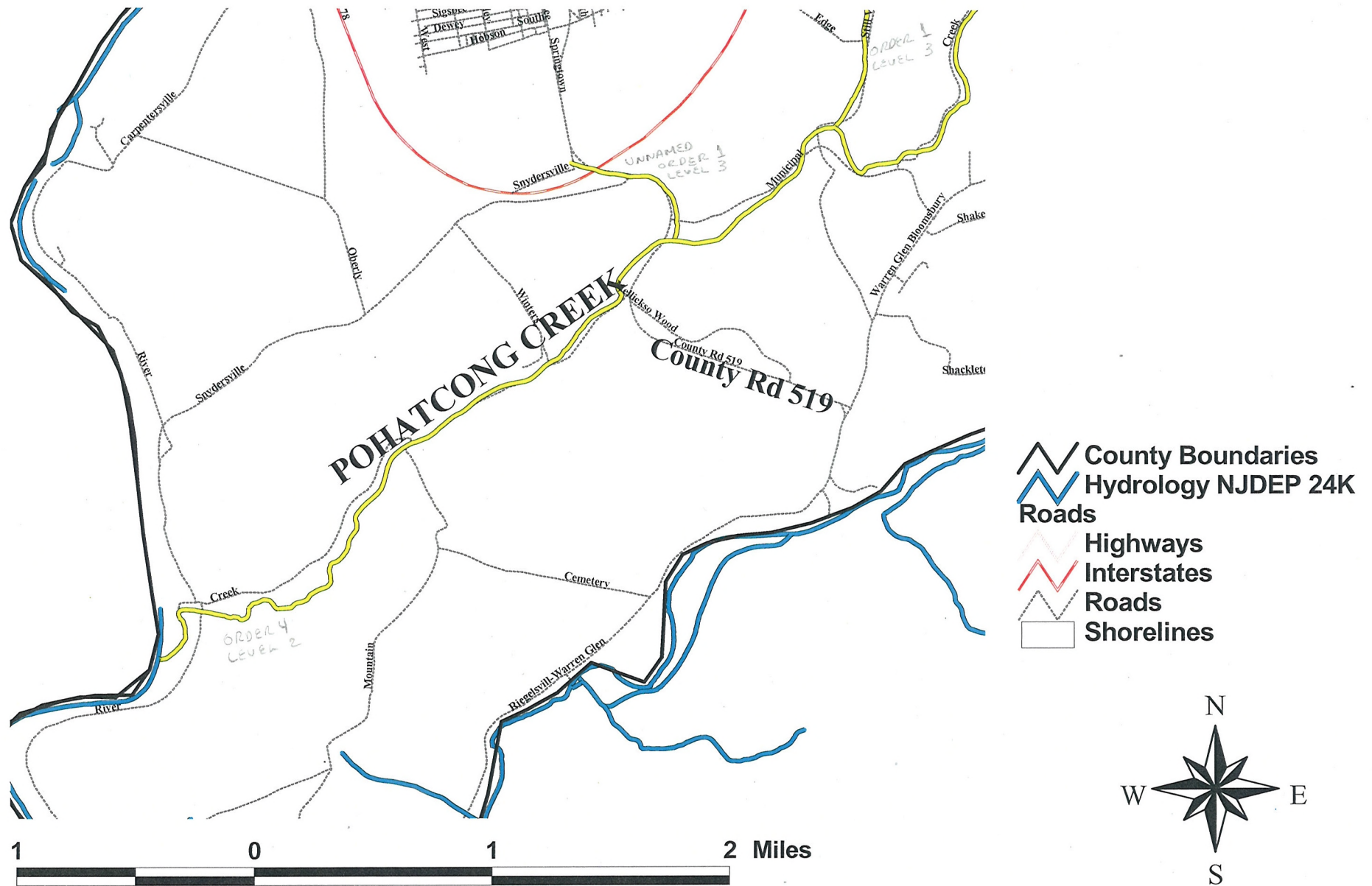
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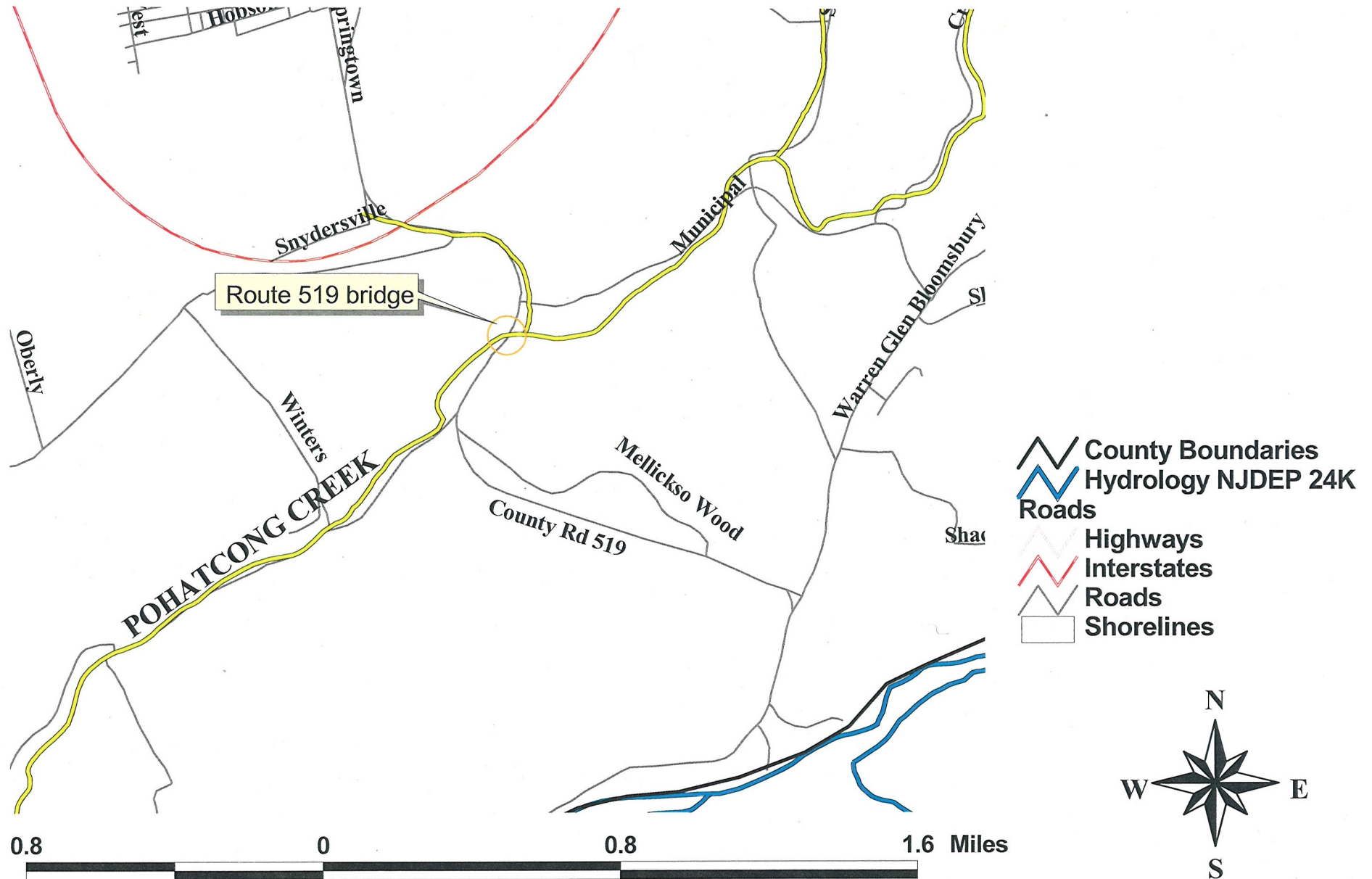
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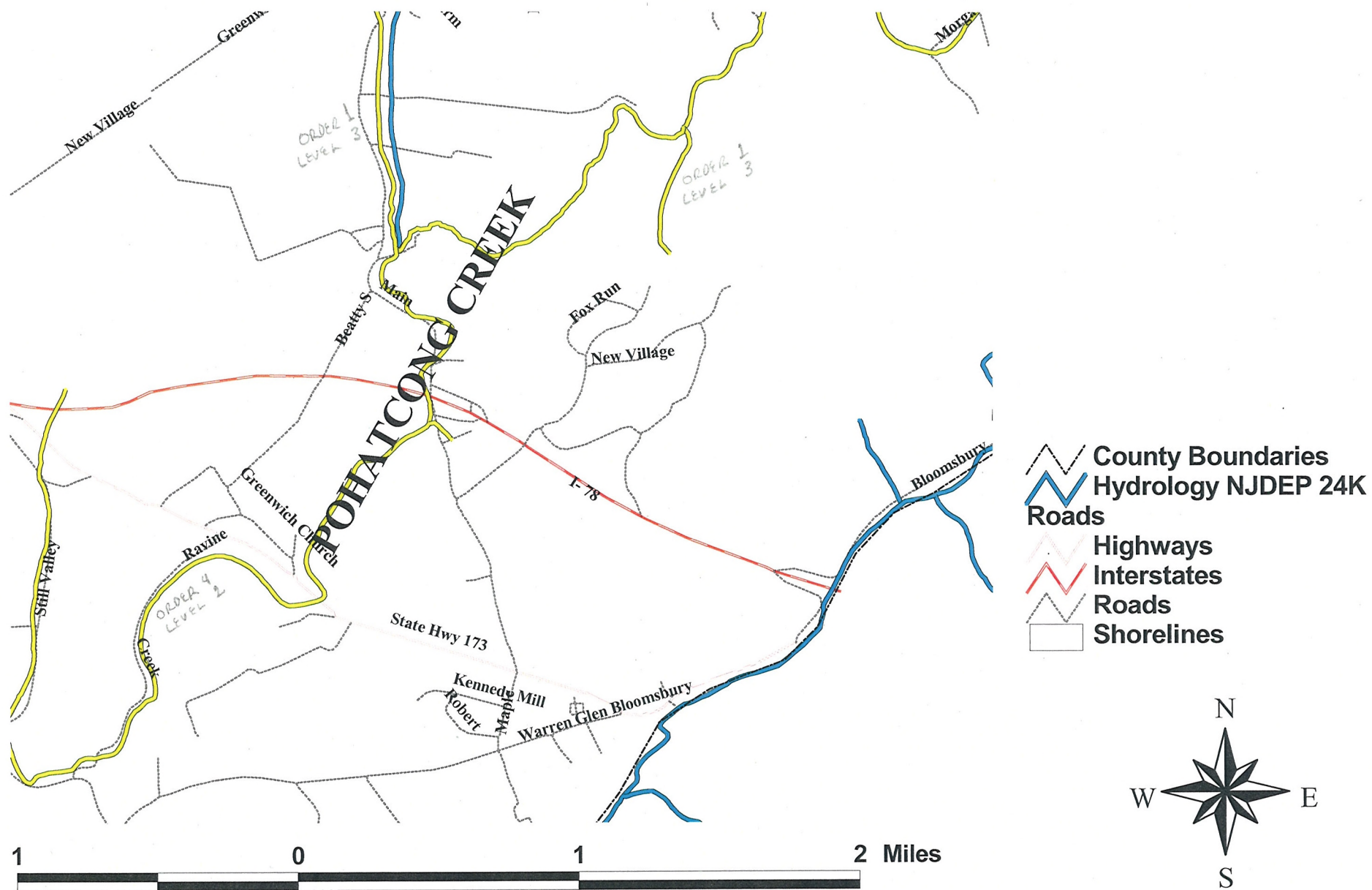
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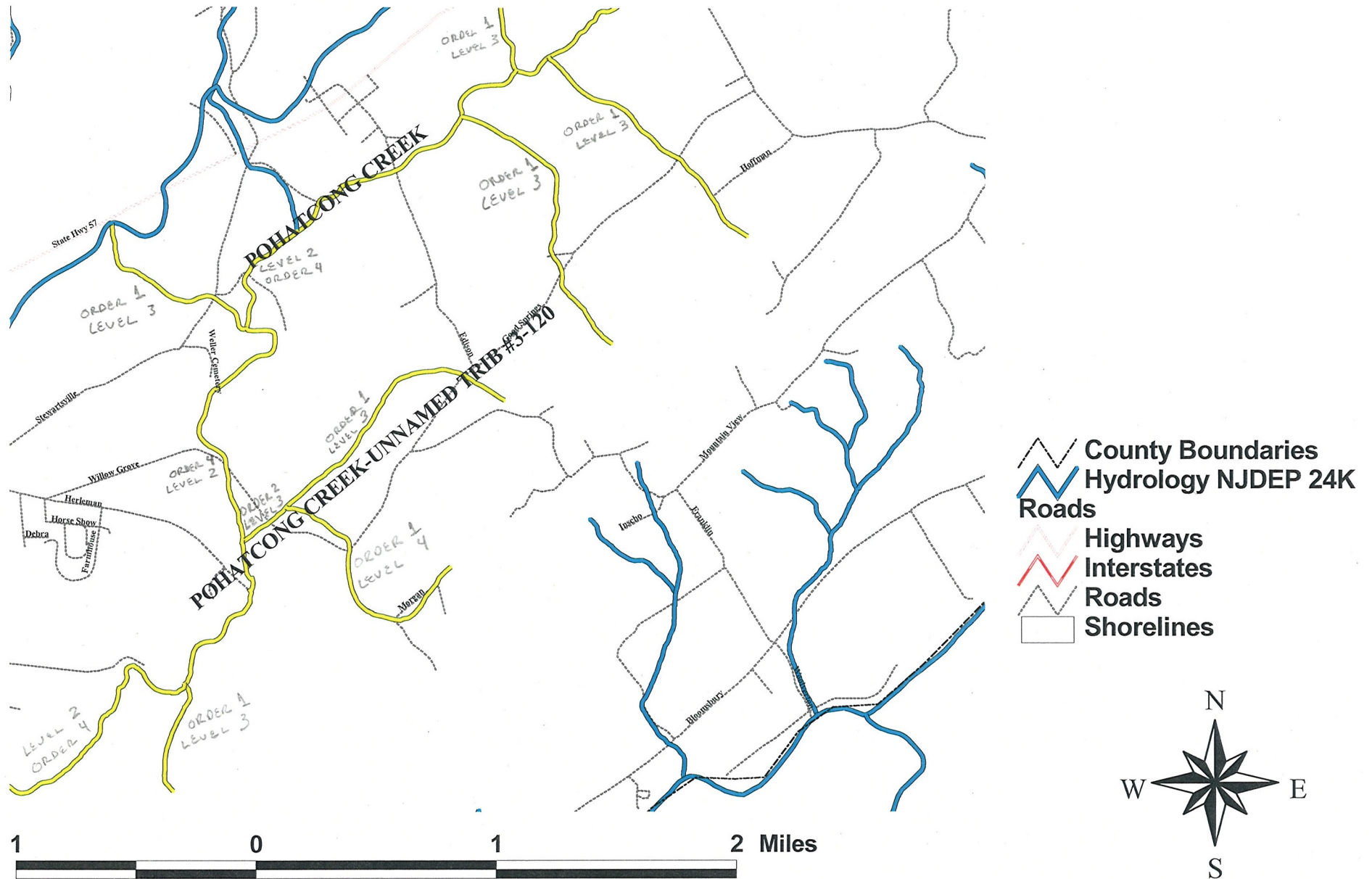
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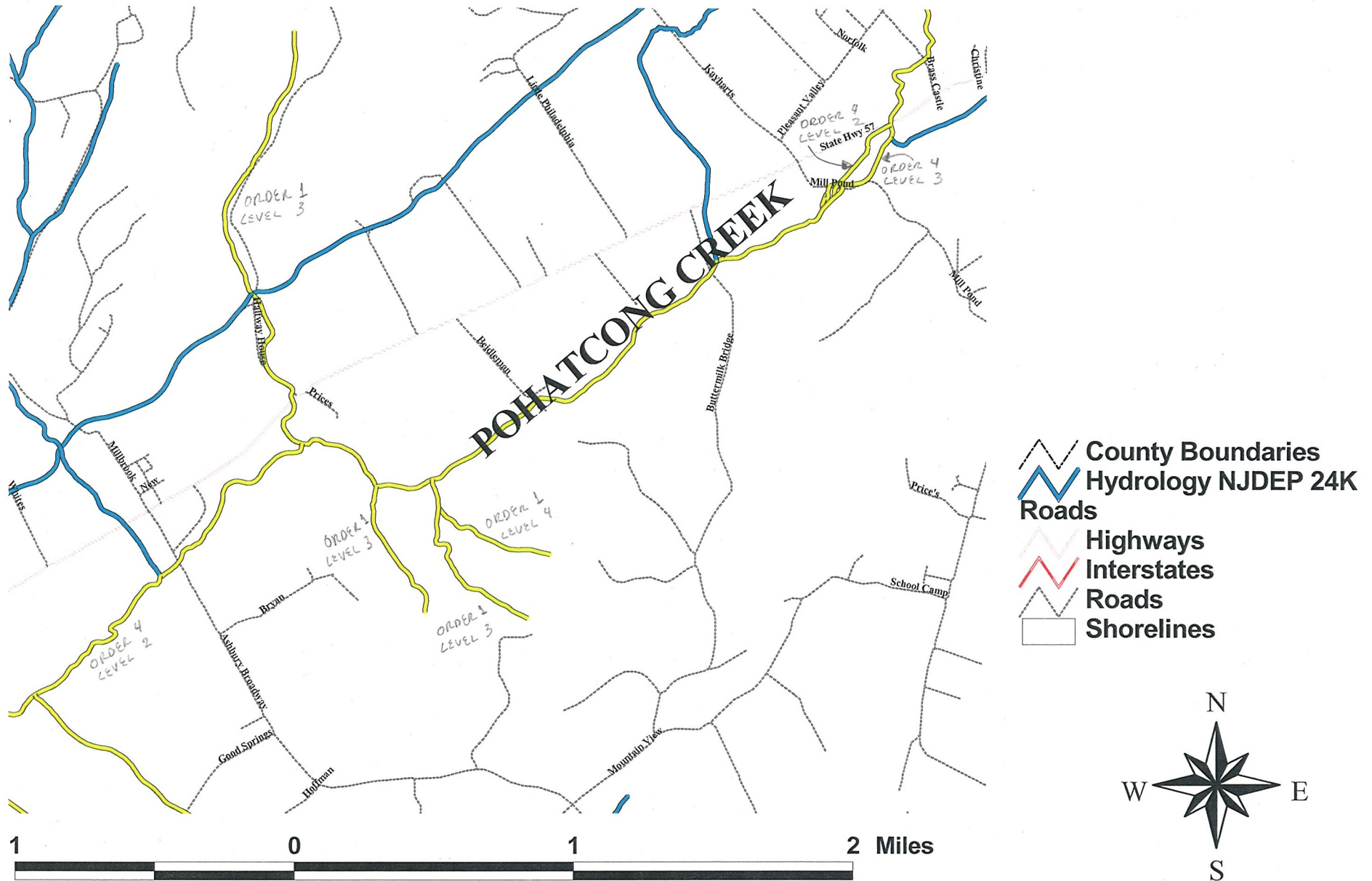
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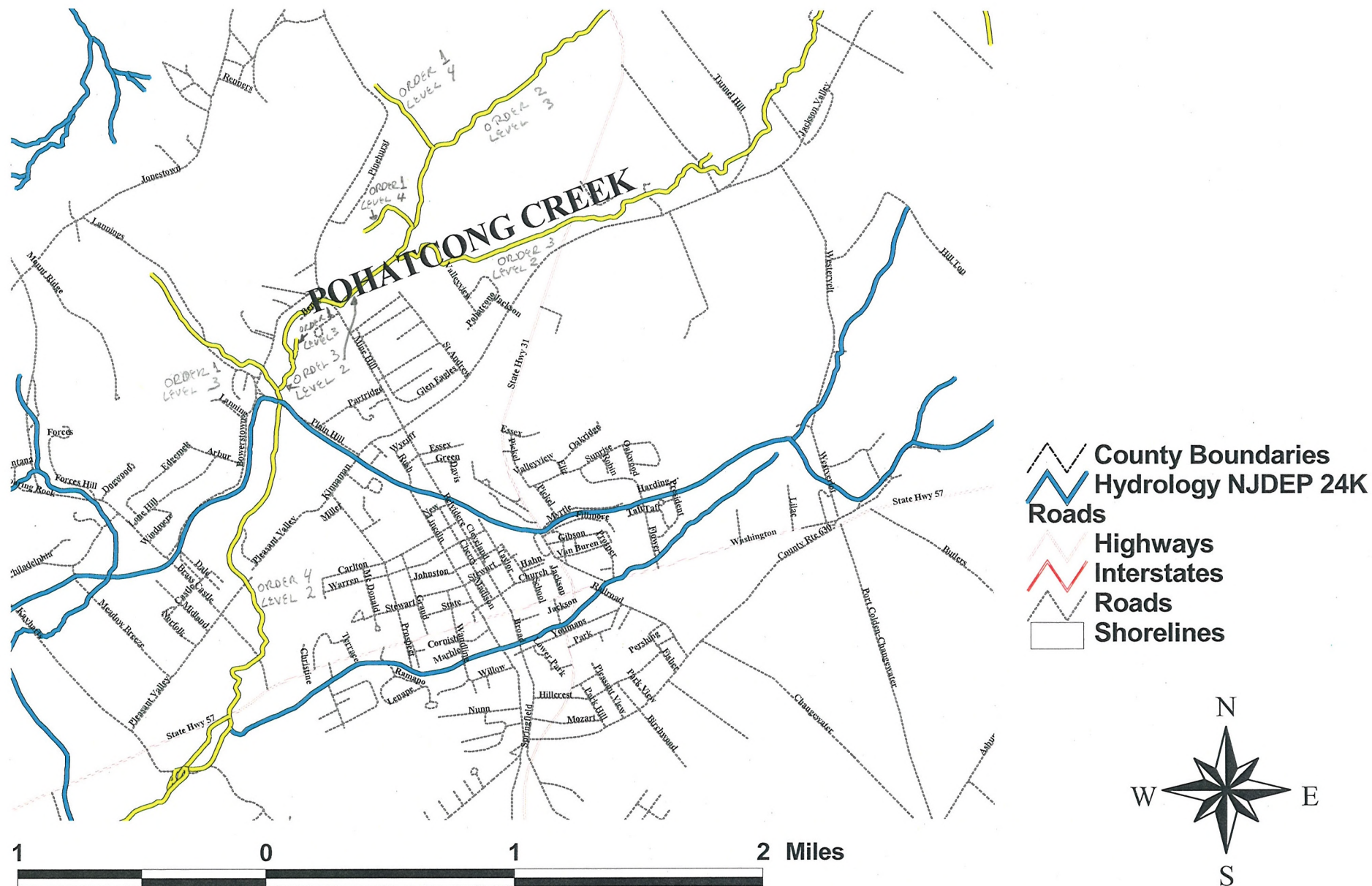
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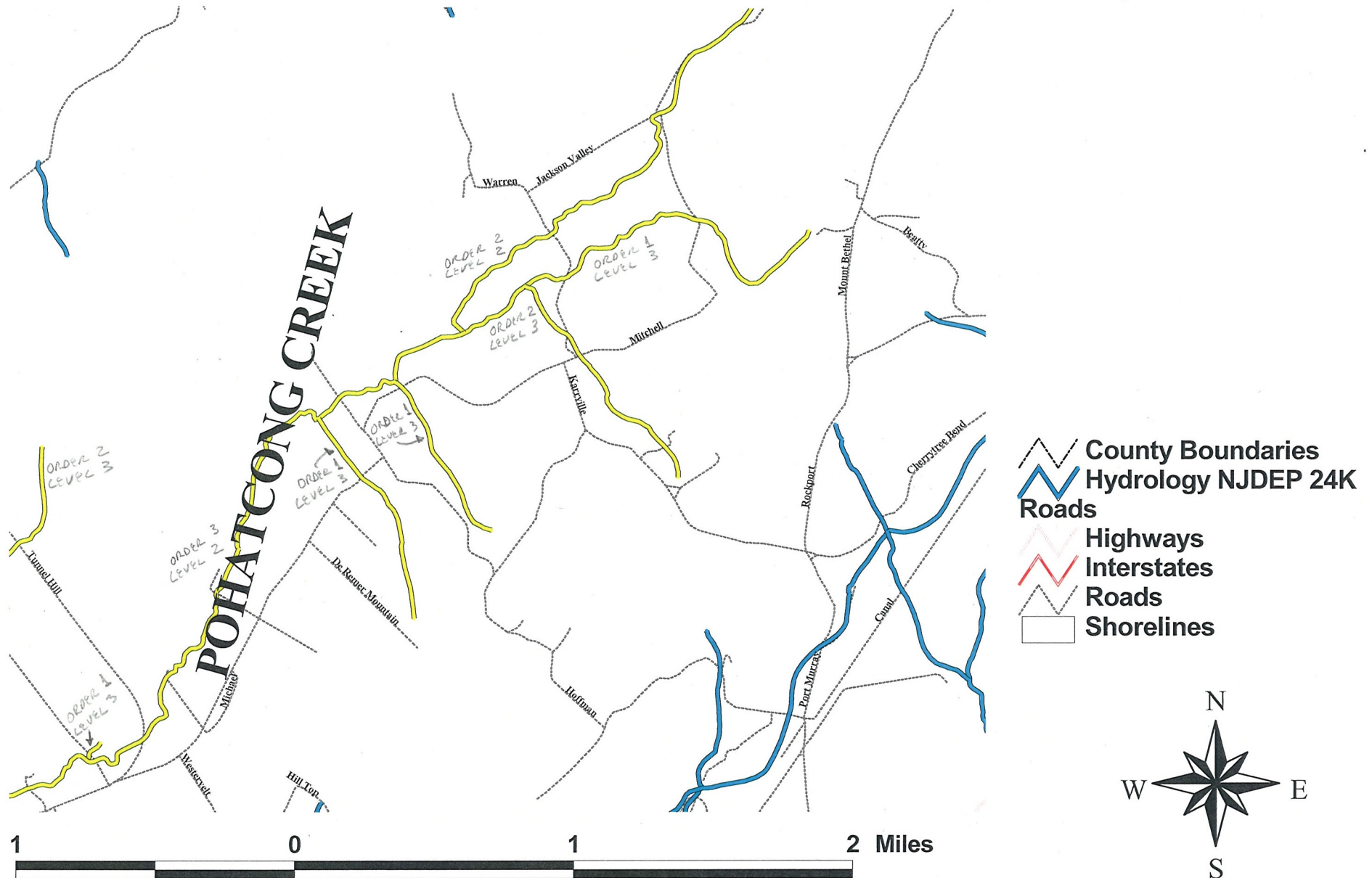
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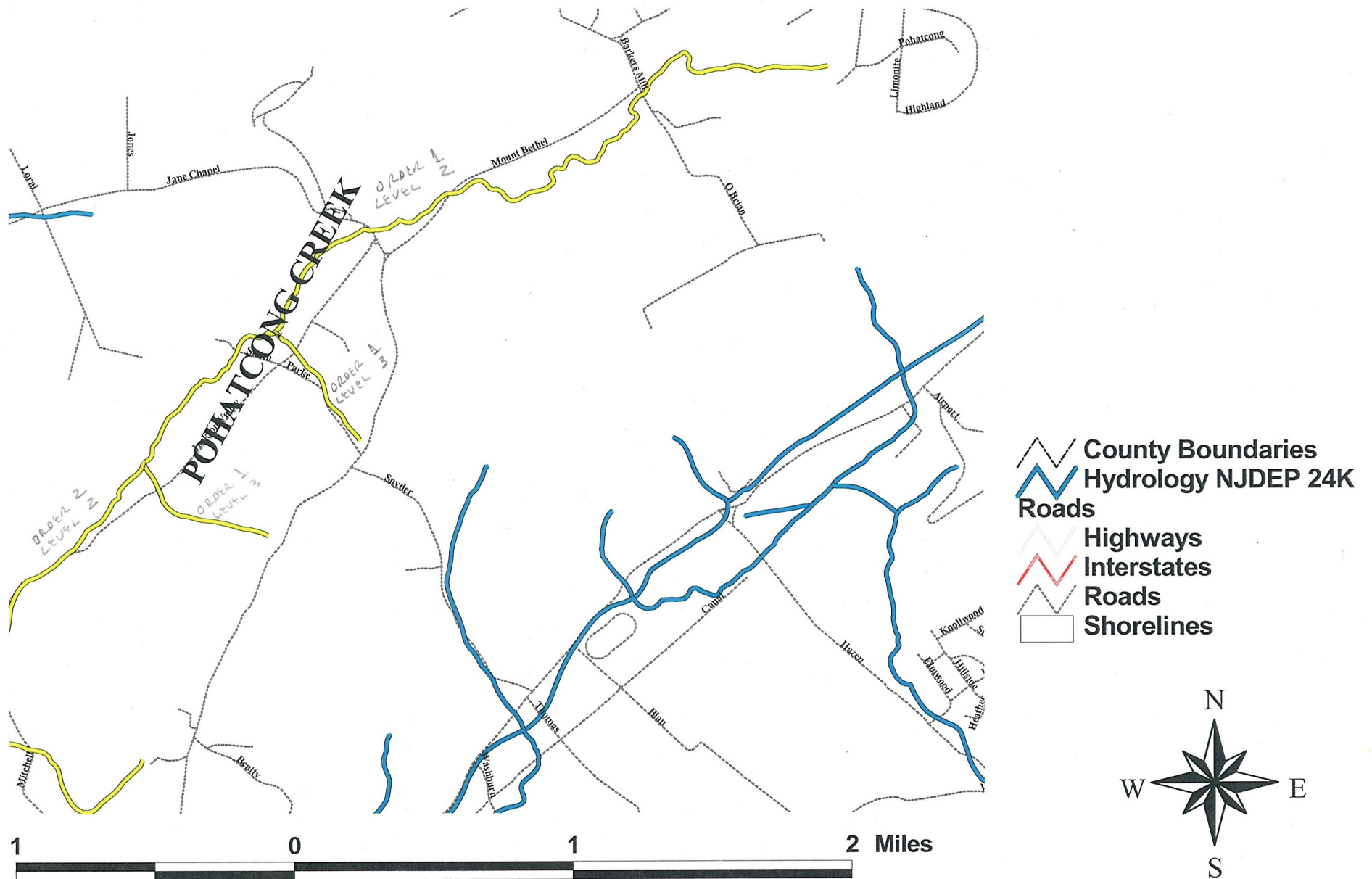
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POHATCONG CREEK_5, WASHINGTON, NJ



POHATCONG CREEK_6, WASHINGTON, NJ



WICKECHEOKE CREEK & Plum Brook, STOCKTON, NJ

